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Sentence Blocks

1. (*Present Simple*) My granddad is in the Royal Hospital for a hip operation.

Why

2. (*Present Continuous*) Ryan is visiting his wife and new baby girl in the maternity ward.

Who

3. (*Past Simple*) Martyna's brother hit another patient at the A & E department on Friday evening.

Whose

4. (*Past Continuous*) We were waiting to see a consultant for over two hours.

How long

5. (*Present Perfect*) I've worked as a porter at this hospital since 1987.

Where

6. (*Modal Verbs*) The doctor must give me the correct diagnosis.

What

7. (*Future Forms*) The ambulance will be here in a minute.

When

8. (*First Conditional*) If you have the blood test now, you'll get the results tomorrow.

What

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*Note: the last two lines of each sentence block will vary. Below there are examples given for each sentence block, but students should think of their own way to get the negative forms in the last line. See the **Talk a Lot Elementary Handbook** for full instructions (available free from www.englishbanana.com).*

Answers

1. (Present Simple) My granddad is in the Royal Hospital for a hip operation. / Why is your granddad in the Royal Hospital? / For a hip operation. / Is your granddad in the Royal Hospital for a hip operation? / Yes, he is. / Is your granddad in the Royal Hospital for an eye operation? / No, he isn't. My granddad isn't in the Royal Hospital for an eye operation.
2. (Present Continuous) Ryan is visiting his wife and new baby girl in the maternity ward. / Who is visiting his wife and new baby girl in the maternity ward? / Ryan is. / Is Ryan visiting his wife and new baby girl in the maternity ward? / Yes, he is. / Is Adam visiting his wife and new baby girl in the maternity ward? / No, he isn't. Adam isn't visiting his wife and new baby girl in the maternity ward.
3. (Past Simple) Martyna's brother hit another patient at the A & E department on Friday evening. / Whose brother hit another patient at the A & E department on Friday evening? / Martyna's brother did. / Did Martyna's brother hit another patient at the A & E department on Friday evening? / Yes, he did. / Did Carole's brother hit another patient at the A & E department on Friday evening? / No, he didn't. Carole's brother didn't hit another patient at the A & E department on Friday evening.
4. (Past Continuous) We were waiting to see a consultant for over two hours. / How long were you waiting to see a consultant for? / For over two hours. / Were you waiting to see a consultant for over two hours? / Yes, we were. / Were you waiting to see a consultant for over four hours? / No, we weren't. We weren't waiting to see a consultant for over four hours.
5. (Present Perfect) I've worked as a porter at this hospital since 1987. / Where have you worked as a porter since 1987? / At this hospital. / Have you worked as a porter at this hospital since 1987? / Yes, I have. / Have you worked as a porter at the railway station since 1987? / No, I haven't. I haven't worked as a porter at the railway station since 1987.
6. (Modal Verbs) The doctor must give me the correct diagnosis. / What must the doctor give you? / The correct diagnosis. / Must the doctor give you the correct diagnosis? / Yes, she *[or he]* must. / Must the doctor give you the wrong diagnosis? / No, she *[or he]* mustn't. The doctor mustn't give me the wrong diagnosis.
7. (Future Forms) The ambulance will be here in a minute. / When will the ambulance be here? / In a minute. / Will the ambulance be here in a minute? / Yes, it will. / Will the ambulance be here in half an hour? / No, it won't. The ambulance won't be here in half an hour.
8. (First Conditional) If you have the blood test now, you'll get the results tomorrow. / What will I get tomorrow, if I have the blood test now? / The results. / Will I get the results tomorrow, if I have the blood test now? / Yes, you will. / Will I get an infection tomorrow, if I have the blood test now? / No, you won't. You won't get an infection tomorrow, if you have the blood test now.

Sentence Block Extensions

For all of the sentence block starting sentences there are at least two different wh- question words that can be used to make sentence blocks. In one case seven different sentence blocks can be made from the same starting sentence when using different wh- question words. There isn't room here to print in full all of the sentence block extensions from this unit. Hopefully, the answers given above will give you the teacher (or you the student) enough guidance to be able to make the sentence block extensions for this unit with confidence.

For example, let's look at the first starting sentence from this unit:

My granddad is in the Royal Hospital for a hip operation.

On the handout the wh- question word that is given is "Why", but this starting sentence also works equally well with six other wh- question words and phrases: "What", "What kind", "Where", "Who", "Whose", and "Which":

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What is your granddad in the Royal Hospital for? / A hip operation.

What kind of operation is your granddad in the Royal Hospital for? / A hip operation.

Where is your granddad? / In the Royal Hospital for a hip operation.

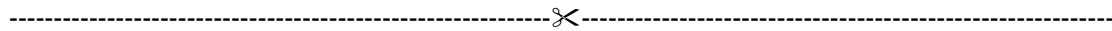
Who is in the Royal Hospital for a hip operation? / My granddad is.

Whose granddad is in the Royal Hospital for a hip operation? / My granddad is.

Which hospital is your granddad in for a hip operation? / The Royal Hospital.

The idea is easy. Change the wh- question word each time and you can make several completely different sentence blocks from the original starting sentence, simply by finding the relevant information for the answer in the starting sentence. As you can see below, sometimes the same wh- question word can be used more than once to make different sentence blocks.

You could cut out and give the section below to students:

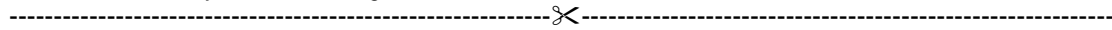


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Make new sentence blocks from the starting sentences in this unit using different "wh-" question words:

	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	WHO	WHY	WHICH	HOW
1.	what what kind	where		who whose		which	
2.	what	where		who (2 nd) whose		which	
3.	what	where	when	who (x2)		which	
4.	what			who (x2)	why		
5.	what (x2)						how long
6.	what (2 nd)			who		which	
7.	what (x2)	where					how soon
8.	what (2 nd)		when				how soon

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Sentence Blocks – Sentence Stress and Vowel Sounds

Task 1: Circle the content words in the following starting sentences. (For answer, see Task 2 below.)

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1. My granddad is in the Royal Hospital for a hip operation.
2. Ryan is visiting his wife and new baby girl in the maternity ward.
3. Martyna's brother hit another patient at the A & E department on Friday evening.
4. We were waiting to see a consultant for over two hours.
5. I've worked as a porter at this hospital since nineteen eighty seven.
6. The doctor must give me the correct diagnosis.
7. The ambulance will be here in a minute.
8. If you have the blood test now, you'll get the results tomorrow.

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Task 2: Underline the stressed syllable in each content word, shown in black. (For answer, see Task 3 below.)

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Task 3: Write the correct vowel sound above each stressed syllable (underlined). (For answer, see below.)

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Each content word (shown in black) contains one syllable with a strong stress, which is underlined. Each stressed syllable has one vowel sound. The vowel sounds on stressed syllables are the most important sounds in the sentence. They make the "sound spine" of the sentence. To improve communication, try to get the sound spine right.

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/æ/ /ɔɪ/ /ɒ/ /ɪ/ /eɪ/
2. Ryan is visiting his wife and new baby girl in the maternity ward.
/aɪ/ /ɪ/ /aɪ/ /uː/ /eɪ/ /ɜː/ /ɜː/ /ɔː/
3. Martyna's brother hit another patient at the A & E department on Friday evening.
/iː/ /ʌ/ /ɪ/ /eɪ/ /iː/ /ɑː/ /aɪ/ /iː/
4. We were waiting to see a consultant for over two hours.
/eɪ/ /iː/ /ʌ/ /uː/ /aʊə/
5. I've worked as a porter at this hospital since nineteen eighty seven.
/ɜː/ /ɔː/ /ɒ/ /aɪ/ /eɪ/ /e/
6. The doctor must give me the correct diagnosis.
/ɒ/ /ɪ/ /e/ /əʊ/
7. The ambulance will be here in a minute.
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8. If you have the blood test now, you'll get the results tomorrow.
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