

# MFBMCLCT MEMORIAL COLLEGE

## English Language Writing Support (2)

### Sentences Patterns for Advanced Learners

	<u>Sentences Pattern</u>	<u>Example</u>
1.	All one has to do is + V . . .	1. All he has to do is fill out a form. 2. All he had to do was become friends with the people and their chief.
2.	Although ..., ...	1. Although Jacky Cheung is a Hong Kong singer; he is popular in China, too. 2. Although Hsieh was handicapped, he looked truly happy.
3.	as ... as possible	1. Come as quickly as possible. 2. Run as fast as possible.
4.	as if/ as though	1. You look as if you've had a good time. 2. It sounds as though she's been really ill.
5.	As soon as + S <sub>1</sub> + V <sub>1</sub> ..., S <sub>2</sub> + V <sub>2</sub> ...	1. He left as soon as he heard the news. 2. I'll tell him as soon as I see him.
6.	as/so far as ... be concerned	1. As far as I am concerned you can do what you like. 2. As far as I am concerned the whole idea is crazy.
7.	Be/Feel + adj. + to V	1. Most Americans will be happy to explain. 2. I feel sad to know he is leaving us for good.
8.	be/get used to + N/V+ing	1. He is used to working hard. 2. The good in England is strange at first but you'll soon get used to it.
9.	Because + S + V ... Because of + N, S + V.	1. I am eating like a horse because I am very hungry. 2. The audience booed the actors because they gave a bad performance.

		<p>3. Because of ill health, he had to retire.</p> <p>4. She's very upset and it's all because of you.</p>
10.	both...and	<p>1. He's lived in both Britain and America.</p> <p>2. She can both speak and write Japanese.</p>
11.	but ....	<p>1. Cheung is successful and rich today but he chooses to live a simple life.</p> <p>2. Hsieh could only paint by holding the brush in his teeth, but it still brought him great happiness.</p>
12.	But for/ But that	<p>1. But that you had seen me in the water, I would have drowned.</p> <p>2. But for the rain we would have had a nice holiday.</p>
13.	By + V+ing...	<p>1. He made his money by buying and selling houses.</p> <p>2. You can turn the radio by pressing this button</p>
14.	S + cannot but + V.	<p>1. It was a rash thing to do, yet one cannot but admire her courage.</p> <p>2. I could not but admit that he was right and I was wrong.</p>
15.	Comparatives	<p>1. The apartment in Hsinchu is more spacious than the one we have in Taipei.</p> <p>2. John is older than Jean.</p>
16.	either...or	<p>1. I left it either on the table or in the drawer.</p> <p>2. You can either write or phone to request a copy.</p>
17.	Enjoy/finish/mind/practice + V+ing	<p>1. Do you mind opening the window?</p> <p>2. They enjoy talking with people, even in broken English.</p>
18.	Even if /though+ S <sub>1</sub> + V <sub>1</sub> , S <sub>2</sub> + V <sub>2</sub> ....	<p>1. Even if I have to walk all the way I'll get there.</p> <p>2. I like her even though she can be annoying.</p>
19.	far from	<p>1. Far from enjoying dancing, he loathes it.</p> <p>2. Your account is far from the truth.</p>
20.	Find it + O.C. + to V.	<p>1. She found it difficult to understand him.</p>

		2. At my age I would find it hard to get another job.
21.	For example	1. Dogs can be very helpful. For example, many people keep dogs as pets. 2. Joe often does selfish things. For example, he never shares anything of his own with others.
22.	get/have + O + V.(participle)	1. They're going to have their house painted. 2. Go and get your hair cut!
23.	Given ....	1. Given the government's record on unemployment, their chances of winning the election look poor. 2. Given that she is interested in children, I am sure teaching is the right career for her.
24.	Hardly/Scarcely + had + S <sub>1</sub> + V <sub>1</sub> en...when/before + S <sub>2</sub> + V <sub>2</sub> ed.	1. Hardly had we begun our walk when it began to rain. 2. Scarcely had she entered the room when the phone rang.
25.	How + adj!	1. Excuse yourself and rush down the street to the nearest bank? How impractical! 2. You can just take out your credit card and charge it. How convenient!
26.	How + adj. + (it is) + to + V How + adj/adv + S + V!	1. How nice it is to have a rose garden! 2. How tiring it is to work part time while studying full time! 1. How dirty that child is. 2. How beautiful she is.
27.	How many/much ...	1. How many kids do they have now? 2. How much is that sweater, the blue one?
28.	How/What about ... ?	1. How about going for a walk? 2. How about going to a movie this evening.
29.	I +want/like/plan + to V...	1. I want to hold your hand. 2. We're planning to visit France this summer.
30.	I wish	1. I wish you hadn't told me all this. 2. I wish I knew what was going to happen.
31.	If (Whether) . . . .	1. I am not sure whether he will arrive on time (or not). 2. I have no idea if he is the right person for the job.
32.	If + S + V..., S. + V....	1. If you feel sad or afraid, try wearing something orange. 2. If it rains tomorrow, I won't go.

33.	If + S + V+ed, S + would ...	1. If I were you, I might marry him. 2. If I had a robot, I would ask it to help me with my lessons.
34.	If + S <sub>1</sub> + V <sub>1</sub> ..., S <sub>2</sub> + V <sub>2</sub> ....	1. I'll only stay if you offer me more money. 2. You can stay to dinner if you like.
35.	if only	1. If only I were rich. 2. If only I knew her name.
36.	if	1. Had he written that letter, she wouldn't have made this mistake. 2. Should it rain tomorrow, I would stay home.
37.	In other words/Furthermore/ ... , S + V.	1. In other words, the objective is to avoid losing. 2. Furthermore, my aim is to provide the best service possible under these difficult circumstances.
38.	Indirect speech	1. The girl said that they were going to Florida. 2. Father told me that he was disappointed in me.
39.	Instead of + V+ing, S + V....	1. Let's play cards instead of watching television. 2. Instead of Tom, it was Peter who moved in.
40.	Instead, ....	1. Don't marry Phil; marry me instead. 2. Peter did not join the army; instead, he decided to become a painter.
41.	It (so) happens that	1. It happened that she was out when he called. 2. It happened that the new person in the office was the woman he had met at Gail's party.
42.	It + takes/took + somebody + time + to V.	1. It took her three hours to mend her bicycle. 2. It took us half an hour to get there.
43.	It appears/seems that	1. It appears that there has been a change in the plans. 2. It seems that the attack this morning was very carefully planned to cause few

		casualties.
44.	It costs (人) + 錢 + to V	1. It costs them 1000 pounds a year to run a car. 2. It's going to cost me over \$100,000 to buy new trucks.
45.	It is (was) ... that ...	1. It was the best coffee that I have ever tasted. 2. It was the funniest joke that I have ever heard.
46.	It is + adj + for S + to V	1. It is easy for her to do the job. 2. It is sad for me to hear the news.
47.	It is + adj + of someone +toV	1. It is kind of you to help me. 2. It is nice of you to do this for me.
48.	It is + adj. + to + V (1-10)	1. It is convenient to eat at a food stand. 2. It is wrong to cheat on exams.
49.	It is no use + V+ing	1. It is no use pretending you didn't know. 2. It's no use arguing with a drunk.
50.	It is said (that) S + V	1. It is said he's a genius. 2. It is said that he was a spy during the war.
51.	It is time	1. It is time we were going. 2. It is time we had a party.
52.	It is time (for sb.)... to + V	1. It is time (for us) to go home. 2. It is time (for us)to clean it up.
53.	It is/was ... that ...	1. It's no use arguing with her - she won't listen. 2. It's no use arguing with a drunk.
54.	lest...should	1. He ran away lest he (should) be seen. 2. She pulled away from the window lest anyone seem them.
55.	Make + O. + n./adj.)	1. His answer made me happy. 2. I'll make him my servant.

56.	Make + O. + V.	1. He made me drive the car. 2. The teacher makes Jack clean the window.
57.	N + V+ing . . .	1. She was the woman sitting behind me in the restaurant yesterday. 2. It was a series of separate walls extending across northern China.
58.	need/want/require + V+ing	1. The garden doesn't need watering. 2. All cars require servicing regularly.
59.	neither...nor	1. He neither knows nor cars what happened. 2. The hotel is neither spacious nor comfortable.
60.	never ... but	1. It never rains but it pours. 2. I never came to club but I met Tom.
61.	No + V+ing	1. There is no mistaking a tiger for a dog. 2. There is no knowing how many people got killed in World War II.
62.	No matter what . . .	1. No matter what he did, they were bored. 2. No matter what you do, I'll always love you.
63.	No sooner had + S + V + than ...	1. No sooner had he arrived than he was asked to leave again. 2. No sooner had he sat down than the phone rang.
64.	Not only ..., but (also) ...	1. He not only finished his homework in time but also enjoyed doing it. 2. We go there not only in winter, but also in summer.
65.	Not + V+ing..., S + V...	1. Not being tall enough, I stood on a chair to get it. 2. Not knowing what to do, I hid myself under the bed in my room.
66.	not...until.	1. He didn't shut up until the teacher came in. 2. He didn't get up until 8:00.
67.	Now that + S +V . . . .	1. Now that you are here, why not have a drink? 2. Now that you have passed the test, you can drive on your own.

68.	Only when + S <sub>1</sub> + V <sub>1</sub> ...+ aux + S <sub>2</sub> + V <sub>2</sub> .	1. Only when you really love someone can you know the power of love. 2. Only when you see it can you believe it.
69.	Passive Voice	1. Her leg was broken. 2. He was bitten by a dog.
70.	Relative clauses	1. Marian is the teacher who teaches my son English. 2. The girl who sits in the front row is from Japan.
71.	S + ask/want/tell/like/allow + somebody + to V.	1. I asked James to buy some bread. 2. The boss doesn't allow me to use the telephone.
72.	S + aux + not + V + without + N/V+ing.	1. You can't leave the country without a passport. 2. He couldn't live with her.
73.	S + be worth + V+ing/NP.	1. The book is worth reading. 2. The picture is worth about two thousand pounds.
74.	S + cannot help + V+ing.	1. He can't help having big ears. 2. I couldn't help hearing what you just said.
75.	S + find/keep/catch/ + O + V+ing/PP	1. The lady kept the man waiting for a long time. 2. You will find people walking faster and working harder in a big city.
76.	S + have no choice but to V.	1. They have no choice but to agree to what he suggested. 2. He has no choice but to go home..
77.	S + have trouble/difficulty + V+ing.	1. He has trouble in studying math. 2. We have enough difficulty paying the rent as it is!
78.	S + hear/see + O + V/V+ing....	1. I saw a boy playing there. 2. I saw Mrs. Smith singing.
79.	S + insist/advise + that + S + (should) + V	1. The girl insisted that Vingo join them. 2. We advised that they should start early.

80.	S + V + by + V+ing	1. She earns her living by selling insurance. 2. He was struck by lightning.
81.	S + V + wh-clause	1. I don't know where he lives. 2. I couldn't hear what she said.
82.	S + V + participle	1. She enjoys playing tennis. 2. She's never liked swimming.
83.	S + V..., including + NP.	1. The band played many songs, including postage and packing. 2. Sales up to and including last month amounted to \$100,000.
84.	S + V..., unless S + V....	1. You will never pass the exam unless you study hard. 2. Kevin never tells a lie unless he is forced to.
85.	S <sub>1</sub> + have + V <sub>1</sub> en... since S <sub>2</sub> + V <sub>2</sub> ed.	1. Where have you been since I last saw you. 2. It was the first time I'd won since I'd learnt to play chess.
86.	S <sub>1</sub> + V <sub>1</sub> + so + adj/adv + that + S <sub>2</sub> + V <sub>2</sub> ....	1. He was so ill that we had to send for a doctor. 2. She was so angry that she couldn't speak.
87.	See/Hear + O + V+ing	1. The soldiers could see the enemy coming from far away. 2. We heard him playing the guitar.
88.	Should/Shouldn't + have + p.p.	1. You should have told me that before we left the tree. 2. "Tom, you should have done your homework."
89.	so +adj./adv. + that ...	1. It was so hot that I couldn't think clearly. 2. She was so beautiful that every boy in the room kept looking at her.
90.	So that ....	1. You should take care of yourself so that you won't get sick. 2. Use your time well so that you won't get behind in your studies.
91.	such ... that...	1. Work was such a deep pleasures for her that She never though of stopping.
92.	so/neither	1. He is divorced and so am I.



		2. He doesn't like Beethoven and neither do I.
93.	Some ... and some ...	1. Some learn it faster and some slower. 2. Some people traveled by car and some by train.
94.	Stop + O + from + V+ing:	1. I have made up my mind. No one can stop me from going. 2. When I was listening to the terrible ghost story, I couldn't stop my body from shaking.
95.	Such as . . . .	1. Sports are good for the health, but some sports, such as motorcycle racing, can be dangerous.
96.	That's why/how . . . +S + V	1. That's why you gave John so much money. 2. That's how you finished doing your homework.
97.	The + -er + S + V . . . , the + -er + S + V . .	1. The more you eat, the fatter you will get. 2. The longer you stay, the more you will have to pay.
98.	The imperative mood	1. Be patient. 2. Don't jump to conclusions.
99.	The past perfective	1. The children had all gone to bed by ten o'clock last night. 2. I found the watch that I had lost.
100.	The superlative construction	1. Susan is the shortest of the three. 2. Cindy is the least heavy of the three.
101.	Those who	1. Those who expect the worst are less likely to be disappointed. 2. Those who took up weapons to defend themselves are political prisoners.
102.	To + V ..., S + V	1. To get a good seat, she arrived early. 2. To earn money, she's working hard.
103.	Too...to...	1. The opportunity is too good to miss. 2. Sue was too young to go to school.

104	V + ... + and/or S + V .	1. Stop talking! 2. Go away!
105	V+ing . . . , S + V .	1. A man sat under a tree, selling hats to passers-by. 2. Picking up all the hats, the man went home happily.
106	Wh- to V .	1. If you are not sure what to do, just ask. 2. They showed her how to operate the faucet.
107	When it comes to + NP/V+ing, S + V....	1. I'm as good a cook as she is except when it comes to making pastry. 2. I can use a computer, but when it comes to repairing them, I know nothing.
108	Wherever/Whatever/However /Whenever/Whichever S <sub>1</sub> + V <sub>1</sub> , S <sub>2</sub> + V <sub>2</sub> .	1. Whatever you like, you can eat. 2. Wherever he is, I'll find him.
109	Whether ... or ... .	1. We were wondering whether to go today or tomorrow. 2. To this day, it's unclear whether he shot himself or was murdered.
110.	would rather ... than	1. I would rather walk than take a bus. 2. She'd rather die than lose the children.