

Requisites of Sentence Construction

A good sentence must be correct and communicative. It must convey the idea without ambiguity or confusion

AVOID ODD SENTENCE STRUCTURE

- A man is standing in black suit.
- A man in black suit is standing.
- The thief who stole the horse is in prison now.
- The thief who stole the horse is in prison now.

Choice of appropriate words

- The dog barks. (not meows or roars)
- The food is tasty.
- The music is sweet.
- This man is long.

Grammatical Correct

- Here is the books you asked for
- Here is the book you asked for

Temptations are to be resisted

- Sentence must not be too short even at the cost of clarity.
- Sentence must not be crowded with information even at the cost of comprehension

ECONOMIZING ON WORDS

- Avoid round about ways of saying things
- Avoid unnecessary repetition of words and ideas.

Kinds of Sentence

- Expletives Sentence
- Garbled Sentence
- Rambling Sentence
- Loaded Sentence
- Squinting Sentence

Expletives Sentence

- It means an Oath or Exclamation
- Example:- What the hell do you mean
- Such expression must be avoided in polite society

Garbled Sentence

- It has confused structure. This type of sentences are complicated.
- Example:-His style of functioning is characterized by his subservience to the motive of gain which instigates him to work laboriously.
- He is governed by the motive of gain so he works laboriously and systematically.

Rambling Sentence

- It visits too many ideas before having a full stop. This defect can be removed by dividing the long sentence into two or three sentences.
- Example:-Yesterday I couldn't go to college because I was ill so took rest at my home but in the evening I went for my tuition classes

Loaded Sentence

- It is loaded with so many facts in its subordinate clauses that the main idea gets obscured.
- Example:- Since air is a gift of God, for which we have not to pay anything which is so freely and so easily available to the highest and the lowest in this world.

The purity of air cannot be neglected just because it is easily available free of cost

Squinting Sentence

- The word squinting means not looking directly. It means defective or diverted vision.
- Squinting construction means loosely constructed sentence.
- Example:- The items we received finally met the requirement.
- The items that we finally received met the requirement.

Rewrite the following sentences

- A car came down the street decked with flowers.
- Everybody should do their best.
- That man and his partner have ruined himself.
- The man gave orders in the brown suit.
- It is important that you should read the books thoroughly if you want to get success in the examination.