

Word Order

Hi !

We never bother about this Word Order.
Even we never try to realize this.

When the words are not placed properly, sometimes
the sentence seems meaningless and absurd.

Let's see the following examples.

1. Look at these two sentences.

A)She read the two first pages of the book.

B)She read the first two pages of the book.

Which expression do you think is correct?

No doubt, “ B “ is correct.

When you look at the sentence (A), no book consists of two first pages.

2.

A) He must have polished his shoes.

B) He must have his shoes polished.

Due to change of word order each sentence produces a different meaning.

A. shoes are clean.

B. Shoes are not clean. They need to be polished.

3.

He met the concerned officer.

This expression is wrong.

It should be written as:

He met the officer concerned.

4.

A) I brought a pen only.

B) Only I brought a pen.

Sentence “A” means not any other things except a pen.

Sentence “B” means.... Others did not buy, Only I .

5.

A) I showed her to my friends.

B) I showed my friends to her.

In the first sentence She was introduced ...

In the second sentence His friends were introduced...

6.

A) Sheela stopped taking to Leela.

B) Sheela stopped to talk to Neela.

In the first sentence Sheela quarreled with Leela.

In the second sentence Sheela stopped just to talk to Neela.

7.

A) People eat to live.

B) People live to eat.

We don't need the people "B" who live only to eat.

8.

When 'Only' changes its place, it gives a different meaning.

Only he said, "I love you." (No one else said it.)

He **only** said, "I love you." (He said nothing else.)

He said, "**Only** I love you." (No one else does.)

He said, "I love **only** you." (doesn't love any one else.)

He said, "I love you **only**." (His love is exclusive.)

9.

A) He said that there was nothing wrong with a smile.

B) He said with a smile that there was nothing wrong.

* The first sentence says smile is not a wrong thing.

* The second sentence says that he said with a smile.