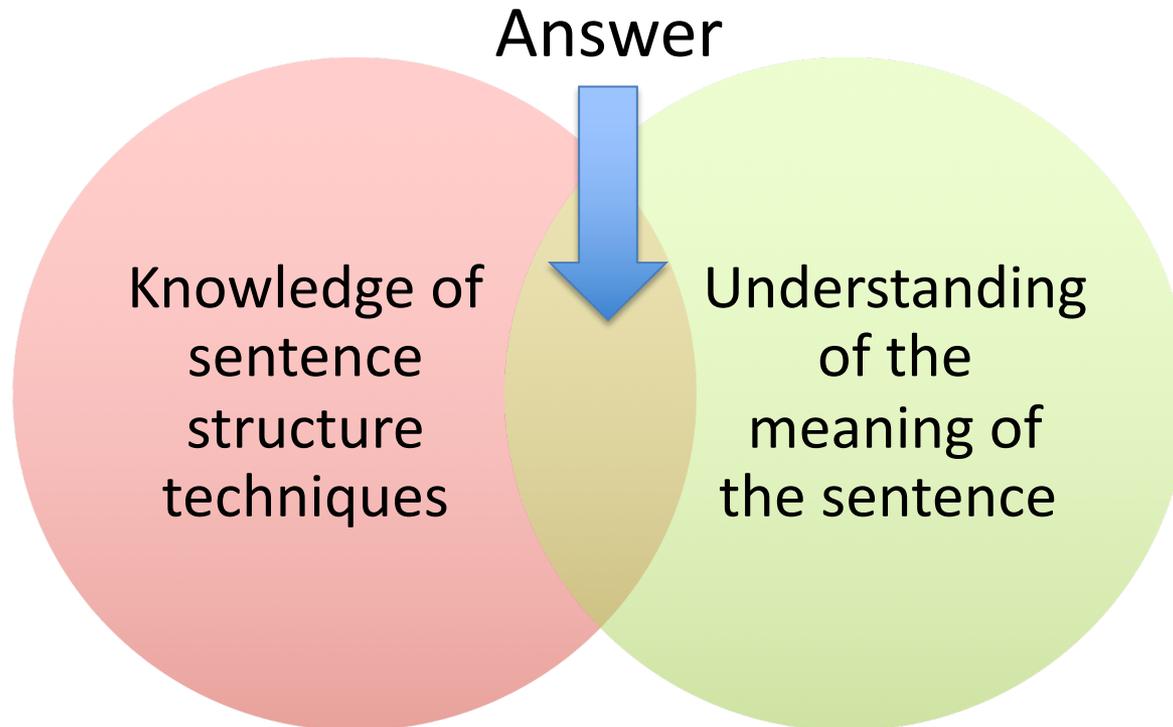


N5 & HIGHER ENGLISH

UAE – SENTENCE STRUCTURE QUESTIONS

Understanding Sentence Structure

- How does the way a sentence is constructed reinforce what it means?



Techniques that You Need to Know

Technique	General Effect
A list	Emphasises the number – and sometimes the range – of things in the list.
Repetition	Emphasises the repeated idea.
Inversion	Emphasises the word that comes first, or delays an important idea till the end of the sentence for suspense/emphasis.

See explainitagain.org/uae for a more comprehensive list of techniques to learn for N5 & Higher English UAE.

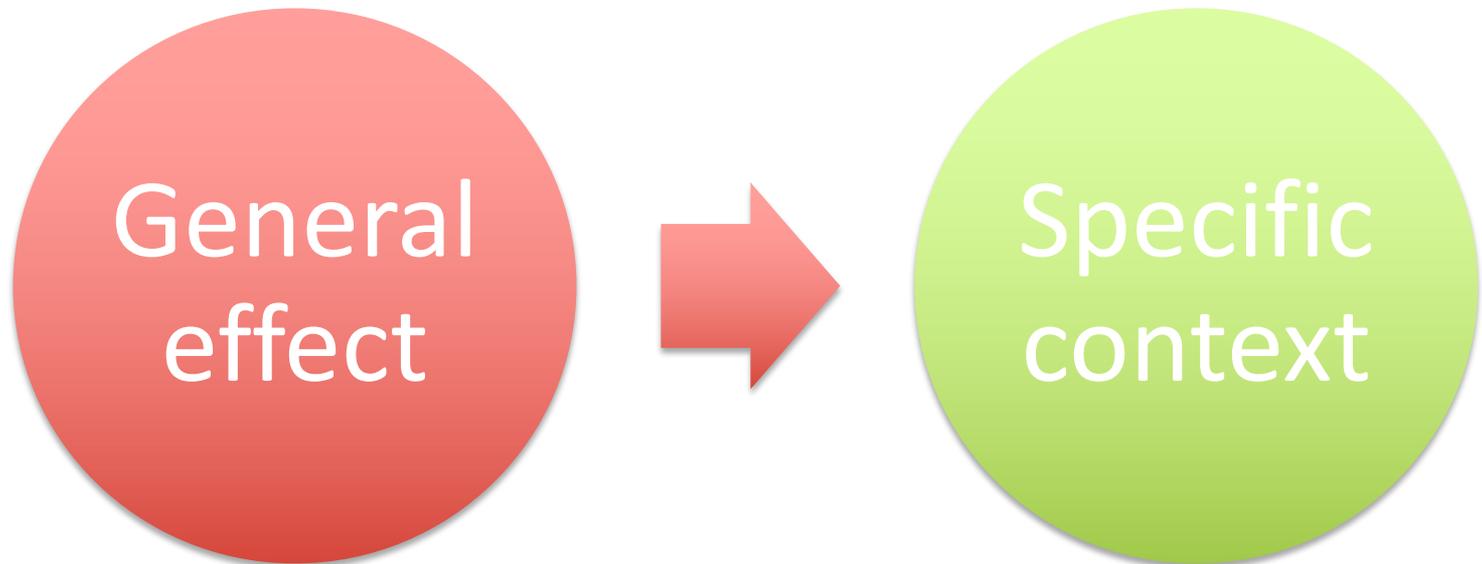
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SENTENCE STRUCTURE TECHNIQUES

Technique	What is it?	Example	General Effect/Usage
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**Structural
Techniques**

Inversion	The reversing of the normal word order in a sentence.	<u>Never</u> would I have thought that you could have done such a thing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasises the word that comes first, or delays an important idea till the end of the sentence for suspense/ emphasis.
Parenthesis	Extra information – added to a sentence using commas, dashes or brackets – that could be omitted without making the remaining sentence grammatically incorrect.	The student, <u>a diligent and studious young man</u> , began his exam confidently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds extra information. Specific effect dependent on context.
List	A type of sentence construction where a number of related items are separated by commas.	The farm at the end of our road has <u>chickens, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and a couple of horses</u> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasises the number – and sometimes the range – of things in the list. Can be used to build towards a climax or an anti-climax.
Complex List	A type of sentence construction where, for clarity, a number of related items are separated by semicolons, because the items themselves contain already commas.	The farm at the end of our road has <u>chickens that are free-range and organic; goats, imported from France, for making cheese; and a herd of beef cattle</u> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasises the number – and sometimes the range – of things in the list. Can be used to build towards a climax or an anti-climax. Can also be used to emphasise the complexity of the information it communicates.

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UAE Answer Technique

- State technique and quote for clarification.
- Apply general effect to the specific context of the passage.

Check that you've answered the question.

National 5 = 2 marks

Higher = 1 mark

For Example

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- A list – “on the train... in a submarine”
- The list emphasises the number of different places where people now anticipate being able to get wifi.
- This demonstrates the writer's idea that people feel that they should be able to get wifi everywhere.

Spotting a Sentence Structure Question

- Sometimes it's easy:

How does the writer's use of sentence structure in paragraph 2 reveal his feelings about global warming?

- But remember that sentence structure answers can also be useful for an 'open' language question:

How does the writer's use of language in paragraph 2 reveal his feelings global warming?