

B.A.LL.B. 5years, 1st semester.

Subject : General English

Chapter 1 :

The Sentence

when we speak or write we use words
be generally used these words in a
group A group of words which makes
complete sense is called a sentence.

Kinds of sentences

sentences are of four kinds

1.Those which make statements or
assertions.

as

Humpty Dumpty Sat On a Wall.

2.Those which ask questions

as

where do you live?

3. Those which express commands, requests.

as

Be quite .

Have mercy upon us.

4. Those which Express is strong feelings

as

how cold the night is !

what a shame !

* A sentence that makes a statement on assertion is called a declarative or assertive sentence.

* A sentence that asks the question is called an interrogative sentence.

* A sentence that expresses a command or an entreaty is called an imperative sentence.

* A sentence that expresses strong feeling is called an exclamatory sentence.

Subject and predicate

When we Make a sentence-

1. We name some person or thing and
2. Say something about that person or thing.

In other words we must have a subject to speak about and we must say our predicate something about the subject

Every sentence has two parts :

1. The part which names the person or thing we are speaking about. This is called the subject of the sentence.

2. The part which tells something about the subject.

This is called the predicate of the sentence.

4. The subject of a sentence usually comes first but occasionally it is put after the predicate ; as

Here comes the bus.

Sweet are the uses of adversity.

In Imperative sentences the subject is left out ; as

Sit down. (here the subject you is understood.)

Thank him . (here too the subject you

is understood.)