

## CORE STRUCTURES OF A LANGUAGE

Use a scheme like this one with a language helper to discover sentence patterns; speaking by mimicking and by substitution drills.

Statements that identify something. “This is a ...”	Questions about the identity of something. “What is this?”	Commands to be a thing. “Let it be a ...!” [Unusual]
Statements that describe something. “The ... is ...”	Questions that describe something. “Is the ... ...?”	Commands to have some attribute. “Let the ... be ...!” [Unusual]
Statements that report an activity. “I am ...ing”	Questions about an activity of some kind. “Am I ...ing?”	Commands to act in some way. “Let them ...!”

Vary the sentence patterns by **person** (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>), **number** (singular, dual, plural), **gender** (masculine, feminine, neuter), **tense** (present, past, future, aorist), **voice** (active, middle, passive), **distance** (here, there, yonder), **direction** (hither, hence, thither, thence), **honor** (superior, equal, inferior), etc.