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**Transformation of Sentences**  
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## What is transformation of Sentences?

➤ Transformation of sentences means changing the form of a sentence into another form without changing its original meaning.

➤ For Example:

Superlative  $\longleftrightarrow$  Comparative

Positive  $\longleftrightarrow$  Comparative

Superlative  $\longleftrightarrow$  Positive

Exclamatory  $\longleftrightarrow$  Assertive

Affirmative  $\longleftrightarrow$  Negative

Interrogative  $\longleftrightarrow$  Assertive

## **Change of Degrees of Comparison:**

Dear Students, I never follow any formula for transformation of sentences, as you might have studied in your 12<sup>th</sup> Standard.

You people have to change your idea of practicing grammar.

My idea is more observation and more practice. Follow the pattern!

Look at the following Change of Degrees:

Exa. No. 1:

Ashoka was the greatest emperor in India (Superlative)

Ashoka was greater than any other emperor in India (Comparative)

No other emperor in India was as great as Ashoka. (Positive)

Exa. No. 2:

The Pacific is the largest ocean in the world (Superlative)

The Pacific is larger than any other ocean in the world (Comparative)

No other ocean in the world is as large as the Pacific. (Positive)

Exa. No. 3:

Helen was the most beautiful lady in Greek Literature (Superlative)

Helen was more beautiful than any other lady in Greek Literature (Comparative)

No other lady was as beautiful as Helen (Positive)

## Some observations:

1. An adjective with single syllable can change into ‘-est’ & ‘-er’ form

|        |          |           |
|--------|----------|-----------|
| Big    | Bigger   | Biggest   |
| Bold   | Bolder   | Boldest   |
| Brave  | Braver   | Bravest   |
| Clever | Cleverer | Cleverest |
| Cold   | Colder   | Coldest   |
| Close  | Closer   | Closest   |
| Dark   | Darker   | Darkest   |
| Deep   | Deeper   | Deepest   |
| Fast   | Faster   | Fastest   |
| Great  | Greater  | Greatest  |
| Happy  | Happier  | Happiest  |
| Large  | largest  | Largest   |
| Noisy  | Noisier  | Noisiest  |

|        |          |           |
|--------|----------|-----------|
| Pretty | Pretier  | Prettiest |
| Poor   | Poorer   | Poorest   |
| Shor   | Shorter  | Shortest  |
| Small  | Smaller  | Smallest  |
| Strong | Stronger | Strongest |
| Tall   | Taller   | Tallest   |
| Thick  | Thicker  | Thickest  |
| Thin   | Thinner  | Thinnest  |
| Ugly   | Uglier   | Ugliest   |
| Warm   | Warmer   | Warmest   |
| Wide   | Wider    | Widest    |
| Wise   | Wiser    | Wisest    |
| Young  | Younger  | Youngest  |

2. An adjective with more than one syllable can not be changed into –est and –er form. It changes into Most in superlative and More in comparative degree.

|             |                  |                  |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| Beautiful   | More Beautiful   | Most Beautiful   |
| Careful     | More Careful     | Most Careful     |
| Comfortable | More Comfortable | Most Comfortable |
| Dangerous   | More Dangerous   | Most Dangerous   |
| Difficult   | More Difficult   | Most Difficult   |
| Enjoyable   | More enjoyable   | Most Enjoyable   |
| Famous      | More Famous      | Most Famous      |
| Generous    | More Generous    | Most Generous    |
| Handsome    | More Handsome    | More Handsome    |
| Helpful     | More Helpful     | Most Helpful     |
| Intelligent | More Intelligent | Most Intelligent |
| Polite      | More Polite      | Most Polite      |
| Powerful    | More Powerful    | Most Powerful    |
| Useful      | More Useful      | Most Useful      |
| Valuable    | More Valuable    | Most Valuable    |
| Wonderful   | More Wonderful   | Most wonderful   |

3. You can divide sentences into three parts as follows

|                        |                     |   |
|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| <u>Subject + Verb</u>  | <u>Adj.</u>         | <u>Objet</u>                            |
| <b>Maharashtra has</b> | <b>/ the most /</b> | <b>covid-19 patients in the country</b> |
| <b>1</b>               | <b>2</b>            | <b>3</b>                                |

4. In Superlative and Comparative the sequence of the sentence remain same .But in positive degree its just reversal of part 1 with the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Means subject becomes object and object becomes subject. Sometimes you can separate Object 1 and object 2.

5. All superlative can transform into comparative and positive. But not every comparative and positive transform into superlative.

## **6. What are the degrees of comparison all about?**

- A. Positive Degree: when we talk about only one person or thing
- B. Comparative Degree: When we compare qualities of two persons or things
- C. Superlative Degree: When more than two persons or things are compared.



## Examples for Practice: Solved Examples

### A. Superlative to Comparative & Positive

1. Superlative: Hercules was the strongest of all men  
Comparative: Hercules was stronger than any other man.  
Positive: No other man was as strong as Hercules
2. Superlative: The great Khali is the tallest of all WWE wrestlers  
Comparative: The Great Khali is taller than any other WWE wrestlers  
Positive: No other WWE wrestler is as tall as the Great Khali.
3. Superlative: Vande Bharat Express is the fastest Running train in India  
Comparative: Vande Bharat Express is faster than any other train in India  
Positive: No other train in India is as fast as Vande Bharat Express.
4. Superlative: Mumbai is one of the biggest cities in India  
Comparative: very few cities in India are bigger than Mumbai.  
Positive: Most of the cities in India are not so big as Mumbai.

5. Superlative: The iron is the hardest metal

Comparative: The iron is harder than any other metal

Positive: No other metal is as hard as the iron

6. Superlative: Sundar Pichai is the most valuable CEO in the world.

Comparative: Sundar Pichai is more valuable than any other CEO in the world.

Positive: No other CEO in the world is as valuable as Sundar Pichai

## **B. Comparative & Positive to Superlative**

1. Very few in the world are richer than Bill Gates (Comparative)  
Bill Gates is the richest Man in the world (Superlative)
2. No other wrestler is as strong as Mark henry (Positive)  
Mark henry is the strongest of all the wrestlers. (Superlative)
3. She is more brilliant than any other student in the class.  
She is the most brilliant student in the class (Superlative)
4. No one else in our class is as smart as he is. (Positive)  
He is the smartest of all the students in our class. (Superlative)

5. Bangluru is more beautiful than any other cities in India. (Comparative)  
Bangluru is the most beautiful cities in India. (Superlative)
6. He is more popular than any other cricketer. (Comparative)  
He is the most popular cricketer of all. (Superlative)
7. No other river in India is as sacred as the Ganga (Positive)  
The Ganga is the most sacred river in India. (Superlative)
8. Sanjeev Kapur's Recepie book is better than any other books on cooking. (Comparative)  
Sanjiv Kapur's recepie book is the best on cooking. (Superlative)

## C. Comparative to Positive and Vice Versa

1. Brock is stronger than Undertaker  
Undertaker is as strong as Brock
2. Bumrah bowls faster than Sharma  
Sharma does not bowls as fast as Bumrah.
3. No other trekking was as difficult as this to me.  
This is more difficult than any other trekking to me.
4. Manner is important than matter  
Matter is not as important as manner
5. No other writer in India is as great as Rabindranath  
Rabindranth is greater than any other writers in India.

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6. Prestige is more valuable than money  
Money is not as valuable as prestige.
7. He is not so generous as his brother  
His brother is more generous than him
8. I have never seen such a foolish person as this.  
This is more foolish than any other person I have ever seen

## Home Work

### Change the degree:

1. Kerala is more thickly populated than any other state in India
2. I have never seen such a beautiful picture as this
3. Shakespeare is greater than any other dramatist.
4. A wise enemy is better than a foolish enemy
5. Birbal was the wisest minister in Akbar's court
6. Statue of Unity is tallest of all the statues in the world.
7. No other detective stories are as interesting as Sherlock Holmes.
8. Jatakas are the oldest stories in the world
9. May is the hottest month in Nagpur
10. Tadoba is the most populated sanctuary for tigers

# Affirmative to Negative and Vice Versa

- ❑ An affirmative sentence could be change into negative sentence without changing its meaning.
- ❑ Here we have always need to keep opposite / antonym of verb used in affirmative sentence for negative sentence

**Study following examples:**

Affirmative: He is literate

Negative: He is not illiterate

Affirmative: His action is quite justified

Negative: His action is not without justification

Affirmative: He smokes.

Negative: He does not smoke.



## **Study following examples: (Affirmative to negative)**

Affirmative: I was doubtful if I would come out safe

Negative: I was not sure if I would come out safe.

Affirmative: Everybody was present

Negative: Nobody was absent

Affirmative: He failed to win the first prize

Negative: He didn't win the first prize

Affirmative: She has a lovely hair

Negative: She has not ugly hair

Affirmative: Everyone make mistakes

Negative: There is no one who does not make mistake

Affirmative: I was doubtful whether he would marry her

Negative: I was not sure that he would marry her

## **Study following examples: (Negative to Affirmative)**

Negative: He is so proud that he won't listen to me.

Affirmative: He was too proud to listen to me.

Negative: The sum is so difficult that I cannot do it

Affirmative: The some is too difficult to me to do.

Negative: He did not admit beating the boy

Affirmative: He denied beating the boy

Negative: The argument is not right

Affirmative: The argument is wrong

Negative: Amit is not cleverer than Ajay

Affirmative: Ajay is as clever as Amit

Negative: no sooner had we arrived than we had to go back

Affirmative: As soon as we arrived, we had to go back.

## **Home work:**

### **Affirmative to Negative & Vice Versa**

1. Milk turned sour
2. The principal scolded him
3. She has finished her work early
4. I will always remember that terrible day
5. He called me joker
6. A tiger is ferocious than any other animal
7. As soon as he came, he started throwing tantrums.
8. Only a brilliant can crack this examination
9. She is foolish than me.
10. The river is too deep to me to swim.

# Interrogative to Assertive and Vice Versa

## **Observation 1.:**

If the interrogative sentence is affirmative then we have to use not in assertive sentence

## **Observation 2:**

If the interrogative is negative then we don't need to use not in assertive sentence.

## **Observation3:**

The interrogative is a milder or more polite form of the imperative sentences.

## **Observation 4.:**

A question sometimes is asked not for an answer but to create an effect in conversation. Therefore, these are called "Rhetorical Questions"

## **Study Following Sentences : Interrogative to Assertive:**

Interrogative: Is not wisdom better than wealth?

Assertive: Wisdom is much better than wealth

Interrogative: Who does not know the sun rises in the east?

Assertive: Everyone know the sun rises in the east.

Interrogative: Is there any sense doing that?

Assertive: There is no sense in doing that

Interrogative: Can I ever forget your help?

Assertive: I can never forget your help.

Interrogative: Is not prevention better than cure?

Assertive: Prevention is better than cure

## **Study Following Sentences : Assertive to Interrogative :**

Assertive: It is really bad to bet on cricket matches.

Interrogative: Is it not to bet on cricket matches?

Assertive: we don't live to it

Interrogative: Do we live to eat?

Assertive: There is nothing better than an active life.

Interrogative: Is there anything better than an active life?

Assertive: No one can climb the sky

Interrogative: Who can climb the sky?

Assertive: You can not be dishonest

Interrogative: How can you be dishonest.

# Home Work

## Interrogative to Assertive and Vice Versa

1. Why eat so much?
2. Who does not want to be a rich
3. Will he ever do my work
4. Can an honest man not become rich?
5. Leopard cannot change his spots
6. This is not the kind of dress to wear in Party.
7. Can we ever forget our freedom fighters?
8. There is nothing nobler than love.
9. What though we don't succeed in first attempt?
10. Health is more precious than wealth
11. It is useless to preach religion to a hungry beggar.
12. No one can commit such a blunder mistake.
13. Wasn't she a stupid to do that?
14. How can man remain immortal?
15. Why waste time in playing cards?

# Exclamatory to Assertive and Vice Versa

## Observation 1:

### Structure of Exclamatory Sentence:

How / What + adjective + subject +verb!

### Changes to Assertive Sentence as:

Subject + verb + very + adjective

## Observation 2:

If noun is plural in sentence, it begins with 'What'

## Observation 3:

In most of the cases if article 'a' is occur in sentences, it begins with 'what' again.



# Exclamatory to Assertive and Vice Versa contd...

## **Observation 4:**

Words like 'Wish' is used when sentence begins with, O, Oh, would, etc.

## **Observation5:**

If sentence expresses sadness with words like 'alas', ooof, etc, the assertive begins with 'it is sad'

## **Observation 6:**

If the sentence expresses great joy, happiness, then assertive will begins with 'it is a matter of joy'.

## Study Following Sentences: Exclamatory to Assertive

Exclamatory: How lovely the flowers are!

Assertive: Flowers are very lovely.

Exclamatory: How meticulously she narrates her ideas!

Assertive: she narrates her ideas very meticulously.

Exclamatory: What a horrible man he is!

Assertive: He is a very horrible man.

Exclamatory: What an excuse!

Assertive: This is a great excuse!

Exclamatory: What a wonderful opportunity!

Assertive: It is a very wonderful opportunity.

Exclamatory: How kind of you to help me in such a way!

Assertive: It is very kind of you to help me such a way.

## **Study Following Sentences: Exclamatory to Assertive contd...**

Exclamatory: Bravo! you have secured first position

Assertive: It is a matter of great appreciation that you have secured first position.

Exclamatory: Hurrah! we have won the match

Assertive: It is a matter of great joy that we have won the match

Exclamatory: Alas! He lost his battle with the life.

Assertive: It is sad that he lost his battle with the life.

Exclamatory: O that I were a child again!

Assertive: I wish that I were a child again.

Exclamatory: O for a beaker full of wine!

Assertive: I wish that I had a beaker full of wine

## **Study Following Sentences: Assertive to Exclamatory**

Assertive: The garden is very dirty

Exclamatory: How dirty the garden is!

Assertive: The dog is a very faithful animal.

Exclamatory: What a faithful animal dog is!

Assertive: Virat bats excellently.

Exclamatory: How excellently Virat bats!

Assertive: Her expressions are very idiotic.

Exclamatory: How idiotic her expressions are!

Assertive: He is truly a great batsman of all time.

Exclamatory: what a great batsman of all time he is!

Assertive: I have been very foolish

Exclamatory: How foolish I have been!

## Home work

### Exclamatory to Assertive and Vice versa:

1. Ho cold it is today!
2. What a beautiful flower it is!
3. What a pity you cant eat apples!
4. It was an extremely beautiful evening.
5. I wish I were young again
6. How sad his death was!
7. How he snores!
8. What a pity!
9. What a long nose he has!
10. How foolishly he speaks!
11. He drives motorbike very speedily.
12. How slow you are!
13. what a difficult trek it was!
14. How excited he is for his first flight!
15. How fortunate I am!