

REWRITE SENTENCES BY USING FORMAL SUBJECT "IT"

English sentences must have a subject (except for imperative sentences). So, if we don't have any other subject, we can use 'there' or 'it'.

This is sometimes called a "formal subject"/ 'dummy subject' or an 'empty subject'.

A. TYPE 1: **Formal Subject IT used with adj**

V-ing/ To-V + be + adj → It +be+adj+to-V.

(**adj:** hard, difficult, foolish, silly, easy, necessary, (im)possible, good, nice, essential, important, advisable, right, wrong...)

Ex: Stealing is wrong./ To steal is wrong.

→ It is wrong to steal.

1. Knowing all the facts is essential.

→ It

2. Revising the plan is advisable.

→ It

3. Talking to you is so nice.

→ It



B. TYPE 2: **Formal Subject IT used with Noun**

V-ing/ To-V + be + a/an/the/_/my + N .

→ It +be+ a/an/the/_/my + N +to-V.

(**nouns:** pleasure/shame/duty/wish/fun/honor...)

Ex: Meeting you is an/my honor.

→ It is an/my honor to meet you.

1. Obeying the law is a duty.

→ It

2. Serving you is my privilege.

→ It

3. Deceiving your friend is a shame.

→ It



C. TYPE 3: **Passive voice with "It is said that = People say that"**

(**Verbs:** say/ know/believe/think/ rumour/report..)

Ex: People say that this piece has been written by that musician.

= This piece is said to have been written by that musician.

→ It is said that this piece has been written by that musician.

People say / It is said that **he** **is** a very good doctor.



1. People know that Susan is very fit. / Susan is known to be very fit.
→ It
2. Doctors expect he will recover soon./ He is expected to recover soon.
→ It
3. They reported that the couple had left the palace./ The couple was reported to have left the palace.
→ It

D. TYPE 4 : " It takes sb + time+ to-V."= I spend time+ (on) + V-ing.

Ex: I spent 2 hours on cooking dinner.

- It took me 2 hours to cook dinner.

1. My sister spends 10 day learning how to cook.

It

2. He spent 30 minutes typing the letter.

It

3.Students will finish the test in 45 minutes.

It

How long does it take
you to have a shower?

It takes me

E. TYPE 5 :making comments " It's very kind of you to help me."= You are very kind to help me.

It's adj + **of sb/ for sb** + to-V.

1. You are decent to help me.

It's

2. You shouldn't gossip about others.

It's impolite of

3. They shouldn't wear hats in pagoda.

It's impolite of

4.Staff don't need to wear vests in their company.

It's not mandatory for

