

Yoda's Word Order Class – May the force be with You!

Yoda is a character from the famous Starwars series. He is seen as very wise by the other characters and to make his words seem more important he uses different words orders to make his sentences seem more profound and important.

This word-play ensures that native speakers pay attention and will naturally stop and think... In this exercise, you will have opportunity to put Yoda's words into grammatically correct English.

Please correct the word order in the following sentences:



1. "Qui-Gon's defiance I sense in you."

2. "Truly wonderful the mind of a child is."

3. "Around the survivors a perimeter create."

4. "Lost a planet Master Obi-Wan has. How embarrassing ? how embarrassing."

5. "Much to learn you still have"

6. "Twisted by the Dark Side young Skywalker has become."

7. "If into the security recordings you go, only pain will you find."

8. "Not if anything to say about it I have"

9. "Great warrior, hmm? Wars not make one great." (Careful, word missing)

10. "When nine hundred years old you reach, look as good, you will not."

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Teacher's Notes

Warm up Idea

If your students are familiar with the Starwars films then choose three or four of the quotes and ask them which films they come from.

Basic English Sentences: Subject + Verb + Object

1st Conditional: If + present simple clause + will clause
Will clause + if + present simple
(The when sentences follow the same pattern)

1. "Qui-Gon's defiance I sense in you."
A: I sense Qui-Gon's defiance in you.
2. "Truly wonderful the mind of a child is."
A: The mind of a child is truly wonderful.
3. "Around the survivors a perimeter create."
A: Create a perimeter around the survivors
4. "Lost a planet Master Obi-Wan has. How embarrassing? How embarrassing."
A: Master Obi-Wan has lost a planet. How embarrassing? How embarrassing.
5. "Much to learn you still have"
A: You still have much to learn.
6. "Twisted by the Dark Side young Skywalker has become."
A: Young Skywalker has become twisted by the Dark Side.
7. "If into the security recordings you go, only pain will you find."
A: You will find only pain, if you go into the security recordings.
A2: If you go into the security recordings, you will find only pain.
8. "Not if anything to say about it I have"
A: Not if I have anything to say about it. (Conversational reply)
9. "Great warrior, hmm? Wars not make one great."
A: Great warrior, hmm? Wars do not make one great.
(Need to insert do for this answer)
10. "When nine hundred years old you reach, look as good, you will not."
A: When you reach nine hundred years old, you will not look as good.
A2: You will not look as good, when you reach nine hundred years old.