The Structures of Topic Sentences
in
Baseball News Reports
(1)

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I. INTRODUCTION

The writer has collected data from English newspaper columns, focusing his attention on the baseball reports contributed by AP, UPI and the Japan Times for the past $1\frac{2}{3}$ baseball seasons.

The sports-news reporters usually treat the day's baseball matches, first taking up the day's main match. In the first paragraph, they give a summary topic sentence, featuring outstanding actions of pitchers or batters or even a fielder's error and concluding in a team's victory over or tie with its opponent team by showing the score balances.

In most cases, the topic sentence is followed by a few more paragraphs in which a little more precise descriptions of events that take place during the whole innings are given.

It goes without saying that the day's main match reports are followed by those on all other baseball matches which take place for the day throughout the country, not only here in Japan but also in the United States of America and Canada.

But except for the reports on the main events of leagues, the news reporters
naturally save paper and energy, covering the rest of the day’s baseball matches only in topic sentences.

In other words, all baseball news reports have their topic sentences, whether additional sentences or paragraphs are given or not. The topic sentence usually covers five factors as the following:

1. the names of two fighting teams
2. the outstanding actions, of value positive or negative, made by the players
3. the final scores of the match
4. the date when the baseball match took place
5. the place where the match took place

In the following example, the figures at the top of the underlined parts demonstrate the above-mentioned factors:

(2) Hiromi Makihara hurled a four-hit shutout and Tatsunori Hara drove in two runs with a single and a homer as (1) the Yomiuri Giants (2) breezed to (3) a 5-0 win over (1) the Hanshin Tigers (5) at Koshien Stadium (4) on Wednesday night. —The Japan Times, Thursday, August 4, 1983.

The writer's intention is to collect the topic sentences of the baseball news reports, analyze them into basic structures and classify them into structural patterns.

II. SIMPLIFICATION

It is amazing how full of variety are the structures of topic sentences of baseball news reports in spite of the apparently a few numbers of factors covered in the topic sentences, only five as mentioned previously.

The writer has so far counted more than a hundred varieties of sentence expressions that lay emphasis on actions of batters; nearly thirty varieties of sentence expressions that lay emphasis on actions of pitchers. It is not batters or pitchers alone that are laid emphasis on. Fielders and runners are not
exceptions. Sometimes batters and pitchers are evenly emphasized. The writer counted nearly twenty-five varieties of sentence expressions that bring focus on batters and pitchers equally. Last but not least, teams are often brought into focus in the topic sentences: the writer has counted more than fifty varieties of sentence expressions to the effect.

The major varieties of sentences are such as are given above. There are furthermore quite many minor varieties of expressions that are used for baseball reports every day. The writer leaves them alone for the time being and refers to them in the future when needed.

Instead, the writer here feels strongly the necessity of cutting corners as much as possible. He declares here the following three things:

1. To conform to the space allowed to him, he limits the discussion to the sentence expressions that lay emphasis on actions of batters. When opportunities are offered to him in the future, he will willingly discuss other varieties.

2. Of the five factors of the topic sentences, the writer will omit two: the date and the place of baseball matches.

3. In order to simplify the sentence pattern formulas, for which explanations will be given later, as well as the examples that fall into the pattern formulas, the writer uses abbreviations and signs listed below:

**ABBREVIATIONS**

B: a batter or batters  
F: a fielder or fielders (catcher, center fielder, first baseman, short-stop, etc.)  
l.s.: losing streak  
M: a manager  
P: a pitcher or pitchers  
R: a runner or runners  
RBI: a run batted in  
w.s.: winning streak
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act: in case of B, bloop, deliver, hit, slam, slug, etc.; in case of P, fire, hurl, go the distance, pitch, scatter, walk, etc.; in case of F, make a running catch, make an error, throw a wild ball, etc.; in case of R, race home, steal second, be put out, etc.

action: the noun form derived from ‘act’ given above

Ba, Bb, Bc, Bd: each represents a batter’s name
d: runs scored by TX
e: runs scored by TY
f: runs scored by TX in the second game of a doubleheader
g: runs scored by TY in the second game of a doubleheader
Er: error, wildness, etc.
Fa, Fb, Fc, Fd: each represents a fielder’s name
n, q: each represents a figure
Ma: a manager’s name
ML: a league (American League East, Central League, National League West, Pacific League, etc.)

Pa, Pb, Pc, Pd: each represents a pitcher’s name
Ra, Rb, Rc, Rd: each represents a runner’s name
TW, TX, TY, TZ: each represents a team’s name
V: decision, edge, rout, shutout, triumph, victory, win, etc. cf. p. 18 l. 4

The example given in page 2, if applied with the simplification devices, will come out as the following under the crown of the sentence pattern formula set in the bold type:

\[
\text{Pa hurl a four-hit shutout and Ba drove in two runs with a single and a homer as TX breezed to a 5-0 win over TY.}
\]

Note: Abbreviations and signs used for grammatical purpose will be given on page 19. E.g. | (two bars)
III. MINOR VARIETIES

The writer is not yet ready to go into the real body of this paper, for he thinks it is good both for him and for the readers to be acquainted with some basic knowledge of baseball news reports before he goes on too far.

A. Verbs expressive of a win

TX ______ TY d-e.

In order to complete the sentence given above, we can fill the blank with varieties of past tense verbs or verb phrases. Our choice of verbs depends upon how big the difference between d and e is.

1. When the difference is minor, that is, one or near it, the verbs will be as follows:
   - cool off 4–2, 4–3, 2–1, etc.
   - edge 5–4, 3–2, 2–1, etc.
   - nip 6–5, 3–2, 2–1, etc.
   - nose out 11–9, 6–5, 4–3, etc.
   - shade 6–5, 5–4, 2–1, etc.
   - trim 10–9, 5–3, 4–2, etc.

2. When the difference is medium, the verbs will be as follows:
   - clip 8–5, 3–1, 3–2, etc.
   - clobber 8–4, 7–1, 4–3, etc.
   - defeat 6–3, 5–1, 5–3, etc.
   - down 7–2, 6–4, 2–1, etc.
   - drop 5–2, 4–2, 3–1, etc.
   - outlast 9–7, 8–5, 7–5, etc.
   - outscore 10–6, 9–6, 7–5, etc.
   - outslug 12–10, 12–7, 8–3, etc.
   - stop 7–2, 5–2, 4–1, etc.
   - sweep 6–4, 5–3, 3–1, etc.
   - take 10–4, 6–2, 3–1, etc.
   - top 8–4, 6–2, 3–1, etc.
   - topple 8–7, 7–3, 5–3, etc.
   - trample 7–3, 6–4, 5–2, etc.
   - trip 9–6, 7–6, 3–2, etc.
   - whack 6–4, 5–3, 4–2, etc.

3. When the difference is quite big, the verbs will be as follows:
   - ace 8–8, 7–1, 6–2, etc.
   - batter 18–7, 14–4, 13–1, etc.
   - beat 12–4, 11–0, 7–4, etc.
   - belt 12–2, 10–3, 7–3, etc.
blast 18-7, 12-0, 10-1, etc.  pummel 17-3, 15-3, 10-1, etc.
bomb 12-3, 12-1, 11-6, etc. rap 16-2, 6-0, 6-1, etc.
bury 15-6, 13-7, 10-4, etc. rip 11-5, 9-0, 7-2, etc.
crush 15-3, 13-1, 10-1, etc. shell 10-2, 9-3, 8-1, etc.
drub 9-0, 8-2, 7-1, etc. stampede 13-2, 11-3, 8-0, etc.
hammer 11-3, 9-2, 8-3, etc. stomp 14-7, 9-2, 7-1, etc.
humiliate 7-3, 6-1, 5-0, etc. thrash 9-2, 7-1, 6-0, etc.
overpower 10-3, 7-2, 5-1, etc. thump 14-15, 8-4, 4-1, etc.
overwhelm 10-2, 7-2, 5-1, etc. trounce 22-9, 14-2, 12-3, etc.
pound 12-9, 9-4, 8-1, etc. wallop 10-1, 9-1, 4-0, etc.
whip 12-3, 7-2, 5-1, etc.

4. When e is 0, or it is so-called 'shutout', besides several verbs given above, the following verbs are used exclusively for the effect:
blank 8-0, 6-0, 3-0, etc.  whitewash 6-0, 5-0, 1-0, etc.

B. Noun phrases expressive of a win

As was seen in A, expressions used in baseball news reports are generally lively and colorful, or rather full of exaggeration.

As the verbs to show winning are colorful, so are nouns showing victory.

As was mentioned in page 4, sign V can represent from decision to win.

Here, the writer should like to draw the reader’s attention to the following expressions:

\[
\text{B act and P act to carry TX to a d-e} \quad \text{V over whitewashing of} \quad \text{TY.}
\]

Allow the writer to take the liberty of partly changing the example given in page 4 so that he gets two sentences as the following:

(1) Pa limited TY batters to four hits and Ba drove in two runs with a single and a homer to carry TX to a 5-0 win over TY.

(2) Pa limited TY batters to four hits and Ba drove in two runs with a single and a homer to carry TX to a 5-0 whitewashing of TY.
Together with the examples shown above, the writer assures the following expressions:

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<td>shutout</td>
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<td>pounding</td>
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C. Phrases expressive of a rally

It is nearly nothing to write home about for a batter to hit a single or even to be struck out. Batters may hit a double, a triple, a grounder, a liner, a drag bunt, a sacrifice fly, or even a grand slam homer. All these actions are not special as far as sentences describing the actions are concerned; the descriptions are usually short.

On the other hand, when a batter’s or batters’ action causes a several-run rally, news reporters do not often allow batters to keep the joy to themselves. This type of actions are described by news reporters in rather long-set phrases. The writer treats such phrases as special because of their length and variety.

In the following the writer will summarize what reporters are likely to describe such actions:

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<th>highlight</th>
<th>ignite</th>
<th>key</th>
<th>lead</th>
<th>rally</th>
<th>spark</th>
<th>spur</th>
<th>touch off</th>
<th>trigger</th>
<th>n-th inning</th>
<th>n-th inning rally</th>
<th>rally in the n-th (inning)</th>
<th>assault</th>
<th>attack</th>
<th>barrage</th>
<th>burst</th>
<th>explosion</th>
<th>outburst</th>
<th>rally</th>
<th>splurge</th>
<th>uprising</th>
<th>in the n-th (inning)</th>
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It would take too much space to write all these in giving sentence patterns that include similar long-set phrases. The writer will pick a few necessary words from the above table when he shows sentence patterns.

D. Phrases expressive of a winning streak or a losing streak

Consecutive wins or consecutive losses are of no little concern to teams as well as to news readers. Naturally news reporters often include the news of this kind in the regular topic sentences. Here the writer regards it of some value to make a summary of expressions that news reporters are likely to use:

1. TX
   - end
   - halt
   - snap
   - stop
   - their
   - TX’s
   - losing
   - run
   - winning
   - streak
   - n-
   - game
   - losing
   - streak at n (games)

2. TX
   - end
   - snap
   - etc.
   - TY’s
   - losing
   - run
   - winning
   - streak at n (games)

3. TX
   - extend
   - stretch
   - their
   - TX’s
   - winning
   - streak to n (games)

Note: Later the writer will use abbreviations l.s. and w.s. for losing streak and winning streak respectively.

Now that the writer has narrowed down the scope of discussion in this paper and decided to use several simplification devices (as mentioned in section II), and now in this section has mentioned some minor varieties, he is more than half ready to go into the real body of this paper.

In the body, the writer tries to limit varieties to those that are relevant.
IV. DISCUSSION

A. Grammatical Classification

The writer has collected, in the past roughly 1 \( \frac{2}{3} \) baseball seasons, news report topic sentences laying emphasis on B (or batters) or naturally on B's actions contributing to the victory of the team they are the members of.

Such sentences are headed either by the names of B or B's actions (possibly, actions by B).

The writer has decided to take a system of analyzing sentence structures of topic sentences of the baseball news reports in the following order:

1. First, dividing all sentences into four parts; (a) Simple Sentence, (b) Compound Sentence, (c) Complex Sentence, and (d) Compound Complex Sentence.*
2. Next, dividing each part further into sentence forms.
3. Finally, subdividing sentence forms into sentence-form varieties.

Holding all sentence varieties and real examples of such in store in the next section, the writer here presents briefly lists of sentence forms and the number of varieties.

1. Simple Sentences; Their Forms and Varieties

B-headed Simple Sentences came to the writer's attention in the following six forms:

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<td>B act Prep. Phr. 3</td>
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<td>f3</td>
<td>B act to-Inf. Phr. 10</td>
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<td>f4</td>
<td>B act to-Inf. Phr. and Inf. Phr. 6</td>
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<td>f5</td>
<td>B act and do sth to-Inf. Phr. 1</td>
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<td>f6</td>
<td>B act to-Inf. Phr., Pres. P. Phr. 2</td>
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B’s-action-headed Simple Sentences came in eight forms as following:

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<td>B’s action do, Pres. P. Phr. 1</td>
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<td>f8</td>
<td>B’s action do this and do that 5</td>
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<td>f9</td>
<td>B’s action enable TX to-Inf. Phr. 2</td>
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<td>f10</td>
<td>B’s action help TX R. Inf. Phr. 1</td>
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<td>f11</td>
<td>B’s action do TX a V 3</td>
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<td>f12</td>
<td>B’s action do sth. 5</td>
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<td>f13</td>
<td>B’s action do sth, Pres. P. Phr. 3</td>
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<td>f14</td>
<td>B’s action do sth to-Inf. Phr. 6</td>
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As far as the writer collected, as of the end of August 1983, there are six (6) B-headed simple-sentence forms having 31 varieties and eight (8) B’s-action-headed simple-sentence forms having 26 varieties. In other words, there are fourteen (14) Simple Sentence forms and fifty-seven (57) sentence-form varieties, altogether.
2. Compound Sentences; Their Forms and Varieties

B-headed Compound Sentences came to the writer's attention in the following seven forms.

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B's-action-headed Compound Sentences were brought to the writer's attention in the following four forms:

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As can be seen easily, there are eleven (11) Compound Sentence forms and nineteen (19) varieties altogether.

3. Complex Sentences; Their Forms and Varieties

B-headed Complex Sentences came to the writer's attention in the following ten forms:
No. of Variety

f26  B act as-Cl., Pres. P. Phr.  2
f27  B act when-Cl., Pres. P. Phr.  1
f28  B act as-Cl.  11
f29  B act as TX do this and do that  1
f30  B act as TX act Prep. Phr.  6
f31  B act as TX act to-Inf. Phr.  2
f32  B act to-Inf. Phr. as-Cl.  7
f33  B be acted as-Cl.  1
f34  B do sth that-Cl.  4
f35  B act to do sth that-Cl.  3

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B’s-action-headed Complex Sentences have been noticed coming in the following three forms:

No. of Variety

f36  B’s action do as-Cl.  5
f37  B’s action do sth that-Cl.  4
f38  B’s action do sth which-Cl.  1

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As is noticeable, there are thirteen (13) Complex Sentence forms and forty-eight (48) varieties, altogether.

4. Compound Complex Sentences; Their Forms and Varieties

B-headed Compound Complex Sentences came to the writer’s attention in the following eight forms:

No. of Variety

f39  Ba act and Bb act as-Cl.  8
f40  Ba act while Bb act as-Cl.  1
f41  B act while P act as-Cl.  1
f42  B act and TX act as-Cl.  1
Only one form of Compound Complex Sentence headed by B’s action came to the writer’s attention:

| f47   | B’s action do and P act as-Cl. | 3 |

In other words, there are nine (9) forms of Compound Complex Sentences and twenty (20) varieties of them altogether.

In summary, the topic sentences in baseball news reports came to the writer’s attention, as of the end of August 1983, in four (4) grammatic sentence structures, in forty-seven (47) sentence forms and in one hundred and forty-four (144) varieties.

B. Causes of Varieties

From where do come so many varieties of topic sentences of baseball news reports? In order to answer the question, the writer proposes to take at least some basic probabilities into consideration.

Very basic sentences headed by B and B’s action will be as follows:

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<td>(act to/and)</td>
<td>enable TX</td>
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<td>B’s action</td>
<td>defeat</td>
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<td>(do to/and)</td>
<td>trounce</td>
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<td>(act to/and)</td>
<td>help TX</td>
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<td>beat edge</td>
<td>wallop etc.</td>
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<td>B's action</td>
<td>(do to/and)</td>
<td>TX a d-e V over TY.</td>
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<td>bring</td>
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<td>give TX a d-e V over TY.</td>
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<td>give a V, d-e over TY.</td>
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<td>(act to/and)</td>
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<td>TX's d-e V over TY.</td>
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<td>B's action</td>
<td>(do to/and)</td>
<td>spark</td>
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<td>power</td>
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<td>past TY d-e.</td>
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<td>send TX</td>
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<td>TX over d-e rout of TY.</td>
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17. B
   (act to/and) present TX
   (do to/and)

18. B’s action TX and P
   (do to/and) with a d-e V over TY.

Table 2

Aided by B or B’s action, TX will post their win. The clauses headed by TX in such occasions are likely to come as follows:

1. TX beat edge TY d-e.
   defeat whitewash

2. TX hold on for a d-e V over TY.
   rally, etc.
   come from behind

3. TX breeze roll past TY d-e.
   coast streak
   rally waltz

4. TX coast ride action to a d-e V over TY.
   come from behind roll go on romp

5. TX be en route beat down TY d-e.
   come back from nose out
   n-run deficit whip
   go on

6. TX eke out score a d-e V over TY.
   post take

7. TX act for a d-e V over TY.
8. TX act to 
    beat  down  overwhelm  thrash  
    blank  nose out  pound  top  
    defeat  outlast  rip  trim  
    TY d-e.

9. TX  
    score  
    take  
    a d-e V over TY.

10. TX win d-e over TY.

11. TX win the 
    game  first game  opener  
    d-e over TY.

12. TX  
    win  
    sweep  
    the  
    game  second game  
    by  
    beating  
    nightcap  series  clubbing  
    TY d-e.

13. TX win a  
    duel  
    slugfest  
    with TY d-e.

14. TX  
    notch  
    post  
    take  
    a win in n games by  
    beating  
    routing  
    TY d-e.

15. TX act in a d-e  
    V over  
    rout of  
    TY.

16. TX act in  
    beating  
    walloping  
    TY d-e.

17. TX  
    slap  
    TY with a d-e V.

18. TX complete an n-game sweep over TY with a d-e V.

19. TX  
    extend  
    stretch  
    their w.s. to n games  
    by  
    beating  
    TY d-e.  
    with a d-e V over TY.

20. TX  
    end  
    halt  
    snap  
    stop  
    n-game l.s.  
    by  
    beating  
    TY d-e.  
    with a d-e V over TY.
As mentioned before, Table 2 is a collection of clauses. These clauses do not of course stand alone but they play parts in topic sentences. According to the ways these clauses are woven into the sentences displayed in Table 1, a good many varieties of topic sentences are created. This is the very reason why we previously counted as many as one hundred and forty-four varieties.

C. Vividness and Colors

Topic sentences in baseball news reports are not only full of varieties but also full of pep and colors. From where do come the pep and colors?

The writer thinks they come from the wide choices of words and phrases that reporters can choose from. The writer mentioned in pages 5 and 6 copious choices of verbs one can choose from in describing TX's beating TY with vividness and colors suitable to the situation. In the Tables 1 and 2, the writer gave several choices of words or phrases inserted between two bars.

In addition to these, there are some more choices:

1. When B hits, he may, for example,
   
   bang  connect for  pop (up)  smack
   belt  crack  rap  smash
   blast  deliver  rip  sock
   bloop  drill  slam  stroke
   clout  hammer  slice  unload
   club  line  slug  wallop

2. B's homer may be described as,
   
   a  fourbagger  (solo) roundtripper
   home run  (two-run/three-run) shot
3. P may, allow give up pitch toss n-hitter
    fire hurl scatter yield n hits
4. TX may have, blanking shutout decision slap over
    edge triumph pounding trouncing TY.
    pummeling victory romp whitewashing
    rout win

On top of varieties of sentences sparkingly strewn are these abundant choices of words and phrases so that readers are liberated from boredom.

V. TOPIC SENTENCES ON PARADE

In the following are to be given a full variety of topic sentences the writer collected in the past 1 2/3 baseball seasons, as of the end of August 1983.

As mentioned before, the writer gives in this paper only sentences headed by either B or B’s action and leaves those headed by P, P and B, F, R and TX to next chances.

The system of arranging the topic sentences in this paper is as follows:
1. The whole sentences are divided into four sections in the order of (A) Simple Sentences, (B) Compound Sentences, (C) Complex Sentences, and (D) Compound Complex Sentences.
2. Under each section will be given Form Types. Form Types will be dubbed with serial numbers, f1 to f47.
3. Under each Form Type will be given Variety Formulas. Variety Formulas will be dubbed with their own serial numbers, V1 to V144.
Variety Formulas will be set in bold types.

4. B-headed sentences will be arranged always before B's-action-headed sentences.

5. The bold-type-set Variety Formulas will always be corroborated with actual examples underneath.

6. The temporal element and the local element are, as mentioned before, omitted from all sentences for the sake of saving the paper space.

7. The abbreviations and signs used for grammatical purposes are as follows:

   Cl.: Clause
   f: sentence form
   Prep. Phr.: Prepositional Phrase
   Pres. P. Phr.: Present-Participal Phrase
   R. Inf. Phr.: Root-Infinitive Phrase
   sth: something
   to-Inf.: to-Infinitive
   to-Inf. Phr.: to-Infinitive Phrase
   v: form variety

   |: Two bars mean that the words or phrases inside the bars are all applicable to the variety sentences and that there can be more words or phrases applicable than those given.

Note: Abbreviations and signs used for baseball terms are given on pages 3 and 4.

A. Simple Sentences

\[
\text{B act, Pres. P. Phr.}
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\[
\text{V1 B act, enabling TX to defeat TY d-e.}
\]

Ba led off the 12th inning with a triple and scored on a single by Bb
enabling TX to defeat TY 7-6 in the first game of a doubleheader.

Ba belted a solo home run with one out in the 10th inning, his second of the day and the fifth for TX, enabling TX to defeat TY 8-7.

V2 B act, giving TX a d-e V over TY.

Ba singled in the winning run in the 11th inning, giving TX a 3-2 victory over TY.

Ba capped a six-run 11th inning with a grand slam, giving TX a 12-6 victory over TY.

V3 B act, carrying rallyng TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba keyed a six-run fifth inning with a two-run single, rallying TX to a 9-4 victory over TY.

V4 B act sparking a d-e V over TY.

TX's B triggering TX's d-e V over TY.

Ba singled home the tie-breaking run in a three-run ninth, his second RBI of the game, triggering TX's 6-3 victory over TY.

TX's long-ball-hitter Ba had a good day, blasting four hits, sparking a 2-0 shutout victory over TY.

V5 B act boosting pacing TX to a d-e

brining powering

carrying propelling

helping rallying

igniting sparking

keying spurring

leading taking

lifting triggering

V over blanking

pounding

rout

trouncing

whitewashing

Ba blasted a three-run tape-measure homer off TYPa in the bottom of the sixth inning, bringing TX to a 7-3 victory over TY.

With the score tied at 4-4 in the bottom of ninth inning, Ba delivered a "sayonara" three-run homer off reliever TYPa, rallying TX to a 7-4 triumph over TY.
V6  B act       lifting
       powering       P and TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba doubled with one out in the ninth and scored on Bb's single, lifting
Pa and TX to a 5-4 victory over TY.

V7  B act in support of P,    carrying
       sparking       TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba and Bb smashed a pair of homers in support of the seven-hit pitching
of Pa, sparking TX to a 6-1 triumph over TY.

V8  B act,    leading
       powering
       propelling       TX past TY d-e.

Ba, Bb and Bc homered, powering TX past TY 9-2.
Ba capped a five-run seventh inning outburst with a pinch-hit grand
slam homer, propelling the streaking TX past TY 9-4.

V9  B act, presenting TX with a d-e V over TY.

Ba homered twice in the game, two-run roundtripper in the seventh,
presenting TX with a 6-3 victory over TY.

V10  B act Prep. Phr.

V11  B act for TX's V over TY.

Ba broke a tie in the bottom of the ninth inning with a "sayonara"
homer for TX's win over TY.

V12  B act in carrying
       leading    TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba collected four singles and stole two bases in leading TX to a 4-3
victory over TY, TX’s eighth victory without a loss against TY this season.

B act to-Inf. Phr.

V13 B act to give TX a V, d-e over TY.

Ba hit a tie-breaking single in the 10th inning to give TX their sixth consecutive extra-inning victory, 4-3 over TY.

V14 B act to bring TX give P and TX TX a d-e V over TY.

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Ba singled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning to bring TX a 3-2 victory over TY in the first game of a doubleheader.

Ba homered and hit a tie-breaking, ninth-inning sacrifice fly to hand TX a 4-3 victory over TY behind Pa’s five-hitter.

V15 B act to cap TX’s d-e V over TY.

Ba slammed a two-run insurance homer in the seventh inning to cap TX’s 6-2 victory over TY.

V16 B act to help TX beat down defeat whitewash TX d-e.

Ba, filling in for injured Fa in center field, went 4-for-4 with a homer, two doubles, and two RBIs and also made two outstanding defensive plays to help TX defeat TY, 8-2.

Ba knocked in three runs with two homers to help TX whitewash TY 4-0.

V17 B act to lead rally spark TX over TY d-e.

Ba lined a two-out, two-run triple in the ninth inning to rally TX over TY 7-3.

Ba and Bb each had a pair of doubles to spark TX over TY 3-1.

V18 B act to carry lift power lead pace rally TX past TY d-e.

Ba drove in the tying run, then scored the game-winner on TY third
baseman Pa's error in the seventh inning to lead TX past TY 7-6.

Ba drove in five runs with a two-run homer and a three-run double to power TX past TY 12-6.

Ba drove in three runs, had three hits and scored twice to back Pa and TX to a 7-2 victory over TY.

Ba drove in four runs with a home run and a bases-clearing seventh-inning double to help TX to a 12-10 come-from-behind victory in a slugfest against TY.

Ba and Bb homered to help TX snap a six-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over TY.

Ba ignited a six-run seventh inning with a single and capped it with a two-run double to help TX snap TY's three-game winning streak with a 9-4 rout of TY.

Ba drove in five runs with a three-run homer in the third inning and two-run double in the eighth to help TX extend their winning streak to four games with a 7-3 victory over TY.
**V23** B act to help P and give hand TX a d-e V over TY.

Ba and Bb belted solo homers to back the combined five-hit pitching of Pa and Pb and give TX a 3-2 victory over TY.

**V24** B act to do sth and give hand TX a d-e V over TY.

Ba doubled Ra home from first to cap a two-run ninth-inning rally and give TX a 7-6 victory over TY.

**V25** B act to do sth and back P in a d-e V over TY.

Ba and Bb homered to pace the five-hit attack and back the five-hit pitching of Pa in a 9-2 pounding of TY.

**V26** B act to help P and lead pace TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba and Bb slammed home runs to back the four-hit pitching of Pa and pace TX to their fifth straight victory, a 6-0 triumph over TY.

Ba drove in four runs with a two-run homer and a single to support the four-hit pitching of rookie Pa and lead TX to a 10-1 victory over TY.

**V27** B act to break snap a tie and carry rally send TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba lined a two-out, bases-loaded single in the ninth inning to break a 4-4 tie and send TX to a 6-4 victory over TY.

**V28** B act to do sth and carry spark TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba and Bb slugged two-run homers to highlight TX’s five-run fifth inning and spark TX to an 8-2 victory over TY.
f5  B act and do sth to-Inf. Phr.

V29  B act and highlight trigger a q-run n-th inning attack rally uprising to boost spark

TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba homered and triggered a three-run eighth-inning uprising to boost TX to a 10-4 victory over TY.

f6  B act to-Inf. Phr., Pres. P. Phr.

V30  B act to back support P, leading rallying TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba, Bb, and Bc each drove in a run to back the four-hit pitching of Pa, leading TX to a 3-1 victory over TY.

V31  B act to cap ignite spark a q-run rally in the n-th a q-run n-th-inning rally boosting pacing spurring TX

to a d-e V over TY.

Ba rapped a bases-clearing triple to cap a four-run rally in the fifth, spurring TX to a 9-3 triumph over TY.

f7  B’s action do, Pres. P. Phr.

V32  B’s action do, carrying lifting TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba’s one-out single in the bottom of the ninth inning scored Ra from second base with the winning run, lifting TX to a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over TY.

f8  B’s action do this and do that.

V33  B’s action score runs and give TX a d-e V over TY.

Ba’s 12th inning bases-loaded single scored Ra with the winning run and gave TX a 7-6 victory over TY.
B's action back support P and carry spark TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba's grand slam home run, the 10th of his career, backed Pa's strong pitching and carried TX to a 5-2 triumph over TY.

B's action score runs and carry lift TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba's one-out single in the 13th inning scored Ra from second base and carried TX to a 5-4 victory over TY.

B's action ignite a key TX's q-run n-th inning and lift trigger TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba's two-run homer, his first of the season, keyed TX's three-run third inning and lifted TX to a 3-1 victory over TY.

B's action break crack snap a tie and carry lift propel TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba's double snapped a 13th inning tie and propelled TX to a 7-5 victory over TY.

B's action enable TX to-Inf. Phr.

B's action enable TX to snap an n-game l.s. by beatingng edging whipping TY d-e.

Consecutive doubles by Ba and Bb in the 12th inning enabled TX to snap a six-game losing streak by edging TY 2-1.

B's action enable TX to snap an n-game l.s. with a d-e V over TY.

Ba's two-run homer and Bb's two-run double in a four-run TX sixth inning enabled TX to end a three-game losing streak with a 5-3 victory over TY.
B's action help TX R. Inf. Phr.

V40 B's action help TX | take | a d-e V over TY.

A two-run fourth-inning single by Ba helped TX take a 9-3 victory over TY.

B's action do TX a V.

V41 B's action key TX's d-e V over TY.

Two-run homers by Ba and Bb keyed TX's 7-4 victory over TY.

B's action give TX a d-e V over TY.

Ba's two-run double in the 10th inning gave TX a 6-4 victory over TY in the first game of a twin-night doubleheader.

Pinch-hitter Ba's tie-breaking single with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning gave TX a 6-5 victory over TY.

B's action give TX their n-th consecutive V, d-e over TY.

Pinch-hitter Ba's run-scoring single with two out in the 14th inning gave TX their fourth consecutive victory, 5-4 over TY.

B's action do sth.

V44 B's action help TX | beat down | defeat nose out | TY d-e.

Ba's three-run pinch-homer in the seventh inning helped TX defeat TY 5-2.

Ba's sacrifice fly in the sixth inning helped TX nose out TY 3-2.

B's action boost lift lead pace TX over TY d-e.

Ba's run-scoring single in the eighth inning lifted TX over TY 2-1.

Ba's two-run triple and Bb's two-run homer paced TX over TY 11-1.

B's action boost lift carry power lead propel TX P and TX past TY d-e.
Ba's three-run homer in the fourth inning carried Pa and TX past TY 3-0.
Ba's two-run homer and solo shots by Bb and Bc led TX past TY 7-2 in the first game of a Sunday doubleheader.

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Ba's tie-breaking solo home run in the eighth inning boosted TX to a 3-2 triumph over TY.
Ba's two home runs paced TX to an 8-1 pounding of TY.

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Ba's homer started TX on the way to a 6-3 victory over TY.

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Ba's three-run homer highlighted a four-run third inning, pushing TX past TY 6-1.
Ba's three-run homer and Bb's two-run double sparked a five-run eighth inning outburst, propelling TX past TY 9-4.

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Ba’s two-run double sparked TX’s four-run outburst in the second inning, leading TX to a 5-3 victory over TY.

Ba’s leadoff homer in the fifth inning triggered a three-run rally, sending TX to their fifth straight victory with a 3-1 decision over TY.

Ba’s fourth hit of the night, a run-scoring double, keyed a five-run rally in the 11th inning to give TX a 10-5 victory over TY.

Ba’s two-run pinch single touched off a three-run eighth inning to give TX a 5-3 victory over TY in the first game of a twi-night doubleheader.

Ba’s one-out single in the bottom of the ninth inning drove in Ra with the winning run to lift TX to a 5-4 victory over TY.
V55  B's action  | highlight | spark | trigger | a q-run (TX) | n-th inning | n-th inning rally | boost | lead | power

TX over TY.

Ba's two-run single highlighted a three-run TX fifth-inning rally to boost TX over TY 4-3.

V56  B's action  | cap | a q-run | assault | trigger | n-th inning rally | boost | pace | TX | power

past TY d-e.

Ba's grand slam homer triggered a five-run eighth inning to power TX past TY 8-5.

V57  B's action  | cap | ignite | a q-run | spark | n-th inning | uprising | to | carry | help | lead | TX to a d-e V over TY

Ba's two-out, two-run homer capped a four-run ninth-inning rally to carry TX to a 9-7 victory over TY.

Ba's grand slam home run ignited a five-run eighth inning to lead TX to a 5-0 victory over TY.

B. Compound Sentences

f15  Ba act and Bb act, Pres. P. Phr.

V58  Ba act and Bb act, enabling TX to | beat | TY d-e.

defeat

Ba doubled in a sixth-inning run and Bb added an RBI single, enabling TX to defeat TY 2-0 and sweep the doubleheader.

V59  Ba act and Bb act, | leading | TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba drove in three runs with a pair of homers and Bb and Bc added solo shots, backing Pa's two-hit pitching and leading TX to a 5-0 win over TY.
V60 Ba act and Bb act, presenting TX with a d-e V over TY.

Ba homered in two runs and slugger Bb powered a three-run shot, presenting TX with a 6-3 victory over TY.

V61 Ba act and Bb act to give TX a d-e V over TY.

Ba singled home two runs and Bb, Bc each contributed an RBI double to give Pa and TX a 6-1 victory over TY.

\[ \begin{array}{c|c}
\text{carry} & \text{TX past TY d-e.} \\
\text{rally} & \\
\end{array} \]

Ba cracked a tying solo homer in the eighth and Bb ripped a tie-breaking winning fourbagger in the ninth to carry TX past TY 5-4.

V62 Ba act and Bb act to

\[ \begin{array}{c|c}
\text{beat} & \text{TY d-e.} \\
\text{defeat} & \\
\end{array} \]

Ba and Bb belted consecutive home runs and Bc also had a run-scoring single to help TX beat TY 7-2.

V63 Ba (and Bb) act and Bc act to help TX

Ba went 5-for-5 with three RBIs and Bb drove in three runs to help Pa maintain his hex over TY and lead TX to a 10-6 victory over TY.

V64 Ba act and Bb act to

\[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c}
\text{back} & \text{P and} & \text{lead} & \text{TX to a d-e V over TY.} \\
\text{help} & \text{power} & \\
\end{array} \]

Ba drove in the 1,000th run of his career with a first-inning single and rookie Bb belted his 13th homer to back the three-hit pitching of Pa,
leading TX to a 2-0 victory over TY.

V66 B act and TX act for a d-e V over TY.
   Ba broke a tie with a sacrifice fly and TX added three more runs in a
decisive sixth inning for a 6-2 win over TY.
   Ba and Bb each drove in two runs and TX pummeled TY pitching for 12
hits and a 6-3 triumph over TY.

V67 B act and TX act in a d-e V over TY.
   Ba hit his first homer for TX, a three-run shot capping a five-run rally,
and TX unleashed a 14-hit attack in a 7-5 victory over TY.

V68 B act and TX go on to a d-e V over TY.
   Ba slammed a home run leading off the fifth inning to break a 1-1 tie and
TX went on to a 4-1 victory over TY behind Pa's seven-hitter.
   Ba and Bb each hit two-run homers in the first inning and TX went on to
a 9-6 victory over TY.

V69 B act and TX act to post a d-e V over TY.
   Ba belted a grand slam in the third inning and TX added three unearned
runs in the fourth inning to post a 10-5 victory over TY.
   Ba drove in a career-high four runs with a double and two singles and TX
took advantage of TYPa's wildness to post a 7-3 victory over TY.

V70 B act and TX act to beat club TY d-e.

   Ba drove in five runs on a pair of doubles and a single and TX scored
in each of the first six innings to club TY 12-8.
   Ba smacked a two-run double during TX's five-run second inning and TX
went on to defeat TY 5-3.
B. act and TX beat TY.

V71 B act and TX
    beat        wallop
    TY d-e.

(See PP 5-6)

Ba singled home two runs in a three-run second inning and TX defeated TY 4-1 behind the combined three-hit pitching of Pa and Pb.

Ba’s action do sth and Bb do sth, Pres. P. Phr.

V72 Ba’s action
    break         leading
    a tie and Bb do sth,     TX past TY d-e.
    snap          lifting

Ba’s first homer of the season snapped an eighth-inning tie and Bb added a two-run triple in the inning, leading TX past TY 5-2.

Ba’s action do and Bb act to-Inf. Phr.

V73 Ba’s action
    break         boost
    a tie and Bb act to      TX to a d-e V
    snap          power

over TY.

Ba’s eighth-inning single snapped a tie and Bb followed with a solo home run to boost TX to a 6-4 victory over TY.

B’s action do and TX act Prep. Phr.

V74 B’s action do and TX ride P’s action to a d-e V over TY.

Rookie Ba’s two-run triple snapped a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning and TX rode the combined four-hit pitching of Pa and Pb to a 6-2 victory over TY.

B’s action do and TX act to-Inf. Phr.

V75 B’s action do and TX
    go            beat
    on to         defeat
    hold          wallop
    TY d-e.
Ba’s three-run homer capped a four-run third inning and TX went on to defeat TY 8-2, handing TY their seventh loss in a row.

Ba’s suicide-squeeze bunt scored Ra with TX’s tie-breaking run in the eighth inning and TX held on to defeat TY 8-2 for their 12th victory in 14 games.

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\begin{array}{|c|c|}
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\text{V76 B's action do and TX act to} & \text{beat} & \text{defeat} & \text{TY d-e.} \\
\text{} & \text{whip} & \text{} & \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]

Ba’s two-run pinch single capped TX’s four-run seventh inning and TX scored four more runs in the eighth, two on a single by Bb, to beat TY 9-3.

Ba’s two-run homer capped a five-run first inning and TX scored six more runs to whip TY 11-5.

C. Complex Sentences

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\begin{array}{|c|}
\hline
\text{f26} & \text{B act as Cl., Pres. P. Phr.} \\
\hline
\text{V77 B act as TYP act, enabling TX to defeat TY d-e.} \\
\text{Ba tripped with one out in the 10th inning and came home as reliever TYPa threw wildly on a pick-off attempt to first, enabling TX to defeat TY 6-5.} \\
\hline
\text{V78 B act as TX win, beating TY d-e.} \\
\text{Ba tripped in Ra with the winning run in the top of the eleventh, then scored on B's single, as TX won for the sixth in seven games, beating TY 6-5.} \\
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\text{f27} & \text{B act when Cl., Pres. P. Phr.} \\
\hline
\text{V79 B act when TYF make Er., lifting TX to a d-e V over TY.} \\
\text{Ba singled with two out in the 12th inning and came around to score when TY catcher Fa's throw sailed into left field on his steal of second, lifting TX to a 3-2 victory over TY.} \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]
Ba doubled in the seventh to break up TYPa's bid for a no-hitter, then hit a two-run homer with two-outs in the eighth to cap a five-run rally as TX beat TY 5-3.

Ba and Bb banged out a pair of three-run homers as TX defeated TY 15-10 in a 26-hit slugfest.

TX batters pounded five TY hurlers for 20 hits as TX stomped TY 14-7.

Ba knocked in two runs with a double and the tie-breaking home run as TX posted a 7-3 victory over TY for their eighth triumph in the last nine games.

Ba and Bb hit home runs as TX won their fifth consecutive game, 6-4 over TY.

Ba and Bb drove in a pair of three-runs as TX won the nightcap 8-4.

Ba scored five runs, two in the second inning and three in the seventh, as TX won their fifth straight game by beating TY 8-4.

Ba singled in a run in TX's seven-run third inning and homered twice as
TX notched their first win in ten games by trouncing TY 12-4.

Ba sluggéd two homers, one to the right and the other to the left, as TX extended their winning streak to seven games by beating 5-3.

Ba drove in four runs with a three-run homer and a tie-breaking single in the sixth inning as TX stretched their winning streak to five games with a 6-4 victory over TY.

Ba stroked a tie-breaking two-run single with two-out in the seventh inning as TX completed a three-game sweep over TY with a 5-3 victory.

Ba homered twice, driving in three runs in the first inning and two runs in the sixth, as TX snapped TY’s five game winning streak, 7-3.

Ba drove in three runs with a single and his seventh homer as TX raked TY pitching for 15 hits and halted TY’s four-game winning string with an 11-4 romp.

Ba drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk from TYPa in the bottom of the ninth inning as TX ended a seven-game losing streak by beating TY 7-6, snapping TY’s six-game winning streak.

Ba and Bb hammered home runs in the fourth inning as TX snapped an eight-game losing streak by defeating TY 8-1 in the second game of a doubleheader, earning TX a split.
Ba cracked a pair of two-run homers as TX halted a four-game losing streak with a 5-3 victory over TY.

\[\text{F29} \quad \text{B act as TX do this and do that.}\]
\[\text{V91} \quad \text{B act as TX do sth and beat TY d-e.}\]

Ba hit two solo homers and also had a run-scoring single in the six-run first inning as TX pounded out 16 hits and routed TY 12-4.

\[\text{F30} \quad \text{B act as TX act Prep. Phr.}\]

\[\text{V92} \quad \text{B act as TX hold on rally for a d-e V over TY.}\]

Ba capped a four-run ninth-inning rally with two-run double as TX came from behind for a 4-2 victory over TY.

Ba drove in two runs with a triple and a single as TX held on for a 4-3 triumph over TY.

Ba keyed a two-run eighth inning with a tie-breaking double as TX rallied for a 7-3 victory over TY.

\[\text{V93} \quad \text{B act as TX act in a d-e V over rout of TY.}\]

Ba homered and doubled and drove in five runs as TX pounded out 20 hits against four TVPs in a 16-5 rout of TY.

\[\text{V94} \quad \text{B act and TX act in beating trouncing TY d-e.}\]

Ba drove in three runs with four hits as TX pounded out 16 hits in trouncing TY 7-2.

\[\text{V95} \quad \text{B act as TX breeze romp roll streak past TY d-e.}\]

Ba hit his second grand slam home run of the season as TX breezed past TY 9-4 for a sweep of their three-game series.

Ba poled an RBI double in the sixth inning for the winning run as TX streaked past TY 6-4.
B act as TX | coast | V over | TY.
TXB | ride action | to a d-e | rout of
| roll | rout of |

Ba and Bb drove in three-runs each as TX rode a 15-hit attack and a seven-run sixth inning to a 12-3 rout of TY.

TX batters pounded on four TY hurlers for 14 hits, including a three-run homer by Ba, as TX rolled to an 11-4 romp over TY.

B act as B (he) | lead lift | TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba, playing for the first time in a month, belted three home runs and made four hits as he led TX to a 4-2 victory over TY.

B act as TX act to-Inf. Phr.

B act as TX | come (back) from behind | pounce on TYP
| pound out n hits | to | beat | pummel | TY d-e.
| rally for n runs

Pinch-hitter Ba drove in three runs with a bases-loaded double in the ninth inning as TX rallied for five runs to defeat TY 6-5, ending TY's five-game winning streak.

B act as TX | come (back) from behind | to win a slugfest with
| come back from a q-run deficit | TY, d-e.

Ba drove home the winning run in the eighth inning with his third hit as TX came back from behind to win a slugfest with TY, 10-8.

B act to-Inf. Phr., as-Cl.

B act to | back support | P as TX | beat | TY d-e.
TX's B

Ba and Bb each cracked two-run homers to back the combined four-hit pitching of Pa and Pb as TX beat TY 6-2.

Ba drove in five runs with two homers, a grand slammer and a solo shot
to support the nine-hit pitching of Pa, as TX beat TY 6-4.

\[ \text{V101 B act to help P act as TX } | \text{ beat } | \text{ TY d-e.} \]

Ba and Bb drove in two runs apiece to help Pa post his first Major League victory as TX beat TY 6-4.

\[ \text{V102 B act to } | \text{ cap highlight } \text{ a } \text{ q-run } \text{ as TX} \]
\[ \text{ n-th (inning) } | \text{ in the n-th TX's} \]

\[ \text{beat come from behind to beat rally to defeat TY d-e.} \]

\[ \text{trounce whip} \]

Ba and Bb ripped run-scoring singles to cap a four-run seventh inning as TX came from behind to beat TY 5-3.

Ba drove in one run with a sacrifice fly and doubled to ignite TX’s decisive two-run rally in the fifth inning as TX beat TY 5-2.

Ba stroked a two-out, two-run double to cap a four-run ninth inning as TX rallied to defeat TY 8-6.

\[ \text{V103 B act in the n-th inning to } | \text{ cap a q-run attack rally as TX} \]
\[ \text{defeat TY d-e.} \]

Ba hit a tie-breaking double with one out in the eighth inning to cap a three-run burst as TX defeated TY 7-6 for their 10th victory in 11 games.

\[ \text{V104 B act in the n-th inning to } | \text{ cap an n-hit attack barrage as TX} \]
\[ \text{uprising} \]
\[ \text{post a d-e V over TY.} \]

Long-ball hitter Ba knocked in three runs, one in the third, sixth and seventh, to cap a 12-hit barrage as TX scored a 7-3 victory over TY.
V105 B act to cap highlight a TX's n-hit attack rally as TX win a game by beating TY d-e.

Ba and Bb each homered to highlight TX's 13-hit attack as TX won their seventh straight game by clubbing TY 10-3.

V106 B act to cap key a q-run n-th inning as TX end stop n-game l.s. with a d-e V over TY.

Ba hit a three-run homer to cap a five-run first inning as TX snapped a four-game losing streak with an 8-5 victory over TY.

Pinch hitter Ba belted a two-run double to key a four-run seventh inning as TX snapped a six-game losing streak with a 12-5 victory over TY.

f33 B be acted as-Cl.

V107 B be hit by a pitch as TX beat edge TY d-e.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the 9th inning, Ba was hit by a pitch, forcing in the winning run as TX edged TY 8-7.

f34 B do sth that-Cl.

V108 B do sth that give TX a d-e V over TY.

Ba doubled twice and had three RBIs to highlight a Major League record-setting 12-run 15th inning that gave TX a 16-4 triumph over TY.

V109 B do sth that help TX beat defeat TY d-e.

Ba had three hits, including a two-run single in the first inning that helped TX defeat TY 4-3.

V110 B do sth that boost carry TX past TY d-e.

Pinch-hitter Ba belted a two-run homer with one out in the top of the ninth inning, capping a three-run rally that carried TX past TY 6-5.
V111 B do sth that carry lead pace TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba and Bb ripped three hits apiece in a 22-hit attack that carried TX to a 13-4 victory over TY.

Ba and Bb drilled a two-run home run, leading a 15-hit barrage that paced TX to a 13-5 triumph over TY.

[f35] B act to do sth that-Cl.

V112 B act to do sth that give TX a d-e V over TY.

Ba slammed a grand slam home run to cap a five-run ninth-inning rally that gave TX a 5-3 victory over TY.

V113 B act to do sth that lead TX past Ty d-e.

Ba homered and singled twice to lead a 13-hit attack that led TX past TY 7-4.

V114 B act to do sth that carry power rally TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba and Bb doubled in runs to highlight a four-run ninth inning that rallied TX to a 7-5 victory over TY.

Ba and Bb walloped a pair of homers each to cap a 17-hit barrage that carried TX to a 17-5 triumph over TY.

[f36] B’s action do as-Cl.

V115 B’s action do as TX act Prep. Phr.

Ba’s single broke a 7-7 tie in a five-run ninth in which TY manager Ma and TYPa were ejected as TX rallied for a 12-7 victory over TY.

V116 B’s action back P as TX beat rout TY d-e.

Ba’s three-run homer backed the five-hit pitching of Pa as Tx beat TY 7-2 to give a split in their doubleheader.
V117 B’s action help P win as TX | beat | TY d-e.

Ba’s three-run in the sixth inning helped left-hander Pa win his elusive 13th game as TX defeated TY 4-2.

V118 B’s action do as TX | halt | TY’s n-game w.s. with a d-e V.
snap

Ba’s 11th-inning sacrifice fly drove in Ra as TX ended TY’s eight-game winning streak with a 3-2 victory in the second game of a doubleheader.

V119 B’s action cap | an n-hit attack | beat
trigger | a q-run n-th inning | as TX
 highlight | a q-run uprising | rally to defeat

TY d-e.

Ba’s ninth-inning grand homer highlighted the 12-hit TX attack as TX overpowered TY 9-3.

Ba’s two-out single capped a three-run sixth inning as TX rallied to defeat TY 5-3.

V120 B’s action cap | rally (in the n-th inning) | that give TX
climax | a q-run | n-th inning
spark | | a d-e V over TY.

Ba’s two-run homer sparked a four-run eighth inning that gave TX a 5-3 victory over TY.

Ba’s three-run double in the eighth inning climaxed a four-run rally that gave TX a 5-2 victory over TY and a split of their Sunday doubleheader.

V121 B’s action cap | rally in the n-th
key | inning |
touch off | that | carry
a q-run | n-th inning | lift

TX over TY d-e.
Ba's RBI single capped a two-run rally in the ninth inning that carried TX over TY 4-3.

One of Ba's three hits touched off a two-run seventh inning that lifted TX over TY 3-2.

V122 B’s action highlight trigger | TX's n-hit attack assault | that carry pace |

TX past TY d-e.

Ba's fourth-inning grand slam highlighted TX's 13-hit rally that carried TX past TY 13-3.

V123 B’s action cap highlight key trigger | TX's n-hit attack assault rally uprising | that carry lift rally trigger |

TX to a d-e | V over rout of | TY.

Ba's three-run homer and run-scoring single keyed a 15-hit attack that carried TX to an 8-6 victory over TY.

Ba's two-run homer capped a five-run fourth inning that carried TX to a 10-2 rout of TY.

Ba's three-run homer and Bb's two-run double highlighted a six-run seventh inning that rallied TX to a 10-5 victory over TY.

f38 B's action do sth which-Cl.

V124 B’s action do sth in which TX act and roll to a V.

Ba's two-run single capped a five-run sixth inning in which TX rapped out six straight singles and rolled to a 7-3 victory over TY.

D. Compound Complex Sentences

f39 Ba act and Bb act as-Cl.

V125 Ba act and Bb act as TX | beat rout | TY d-e.

Ba slugged a home run and singled twice and Bb collected four singles
as TX routed TY 9-2.

Ba and Bb drilled three-homers and Bc smacked a two-run double and a solo homer as TX overcame a 3-0 deficit and pounded TY 10-5.

**V126 Ba act and Bb act as TX**

\[ \text{post take} \]

a d-e V over TY.

Ba bunted home Ra with the tie-breaking run in the seventh inning and Bb later added a two-run homer as TX took a 5-2 decision and a three-game sweep over the slumping TY.

**V127 Ba act and Bb act as TX win the**

\[ \text{game opener} \]

d-e V over TY.

Ba drove in three runs, and Bb and Bc each had two RBIs as TX won the opener 8-3 over TY behind Pa’s eight-hitter.

**V128 Ba act and Bb act as TX act to-Inf. Phr.**

Ba singled home TX’s winning run in the 10th inning and Bb drove in five runs as TX came back from a seven-run deficit to defeat TY 11-8.

Ba drilled a two-run homer and Bb added four singles and scored twice as TX held off a late surge by TY to beat TY 5-4.

Ba tied for the league lead with his 24th home run and pinch-hitter Bb stroked a two-run double as TX took advantage of three errors by TY to win 4-3.

**V129 Ba act and Bb act to**

\[ \text{back support} \]

P as TX

\[ \text{beat defeat} \]

TY d-e.

TX’s Ba had a triple and Bb and Bc hit solo homers to back the combined five-hit pitching of Pa and Pb as TX beat TY 4-2.

Ba drove in four runs with a homer and a triple and Bb had a homer, three singles and two RBIs to support the six-hit pitching of Pa as TX beat TY 7-3.

**V130 Ba act and Bb act as TX act Prep. Phr.**

Ba drove in five runs and Bb homered twice as TX pounded five TY pitchers for a 19-7 victory.
Pinch-hitter Ba hit a three-run homer and Bb added a game-winning two-run single as TX rallied for five runs in the ninth inning and a 6-5 victory over TY in the first game of a twi-night doubleheader.

Ba doubled in a run and Bb singled in another in the top of the ninth as TX rallied past TY 3-2.

Ba and Bb slammed home runs and Bc knocked in three runs as TX rolled past TY 9-2 to more (sic) ⅔ games ahead of second-place TZ in the ML.

Ba smacked a homer in the third and a three-run double in the fourth and home-run leader Bb slugged his 450th and 451st career roundtripper as TX coasted to a 13-2 win over TY.

Ba drove in four runs and Bb had four hits as TX rode a 14-hit attack and a seven-run fifth inning to an 11-4 rout of TY.

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\begin{array}{c|c|c|c}
V131 & \text{Ba act and Bb act as TX} & \text{end} & \text{by beating TY d-e} \\
 & & \text{snap} & \text{l.s.} \\
 & & \text{stop} & \text{with a d-e V over TY} \\
\end{array}
\]

Ba drove in three runs and Bb and Bc each had two RBIs as TX snapped a three-game losing streak by routing TY 8-5.

Ba cracked two doubles and a single and drove in two runs and Bb belted a two-run homer as TX stopped a three-game losing streak with a 6-4 victory over TY.

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\begin{array}{c|c|c|c}
V132 & \text{Ba act and Bb act as TX} & \text{end} & \text{TY's w.s., d-e.} \\
 & & \text{snap} & \\
\end{array}
\]

Ba singled and doubled, driving in three runs, and Bb homered and doubled as TX snapped TY's four-game winning streak, 6-4.

\[
\text{Ba act while Bb act as Cl.}
\]

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\begin{array}{c|c|c|c}
V133 & \text{Ba act while Bb act as TX act in} & \text{beating} & \text{TY d-e.} \\
\end{array}
\]

Ba doubled and had three singles while Bb singled twice as TX had 15 hits in beating TY 8-4, sending TY to their sixth straight loss.
B act while P act as Cl.

B act while P act as TX | beat | TY d-e.

Ba drove in all three TX runs, two with a sixth-inning homer, while Pa combined with Pb on a five-hitter as TX beat TY 3-2.

B act and TX act as Cl.

B act and TX act to help P as TX | beat | TY d-e.

Ba homered and drove in four runs and TX scored seven times in the eighth inning to help Pa win his first Major League game as TX blasted TY 14-2.

Ba act and Bb act, doing sth that - Cl.

Ba act and Bb act doing sth that | carry | TX over TY d-e.

Ba belted a two-run homer and Bb drilled a two-run double, highlighting a five-run fourth-inning that carried TX over TY 8-2.

Ba act while Bb act, doing sth that - Cl.

Ba act while Bb act, doing sth that | lead | TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba homered twice and drove in four runs while Bb went 4-for-4 with a home run, keying an 19-hit assault that led TX to a 12-5 victory over TY.

Ba act and Bb do sth that - Cl.

Ba act and Bb do sth that | boost | TX over TY d-e.

Ba singled home two runs in a three-run seventh and Bb hit a solo home run that boosted TX over TY 4-2.

Ba act and Bb act to - Inf. Phr. that - Cl.

Ba act and Bb act to do sth that enable TX to | end | an n-game l.s.

with a d-e V over TY.

Ba hit a three-run inside-the-park homer and Bb hit his second homer of
the game to highlight a five-run eighth inning that enabled TX to snap a four-game losing streak with a 6-2 triumph over TY.

V140 Ba act and Bb act to do sth that lift TX over TY d-e (as-Cl).

Ba hit a grand slam homer and Bb doubled twice to highlight a seven-run fifth inning that lifted TX over TY 7-2 as Pa pitched the first complete game of his career.

V141 Ba act and Bb act to do sth that carry TX to a d-e V over TY.

Ba stroked a two-run single and Bb lashed a two-run double to key an eight-run seventh inning that powered TX to a 14-8 victory over TY.

Ba cracked a two-run homer and Bb and Bc added two RBIs apiece to pace a 16-hit attack that carried TX to a 9-6 victory over TY.

[f47] B’s action do and P act as-Cl.

V142 B’s action do and P act as TX take a d-e V over TY.

Ba’s two-run double with two out keyed a four-run eighth and Pa hurled a six-hitter as TX took a 7-4 comeback win over TY.

V143 B’a action do and P act as TX (rally to) beat defeat TY d-e.

Ba’s RBI single keyed a five-run TX first inning and Pa and Pb combined on a seven-hitter as TX beat TY 7-6, extending their winning streak to six games.

Ba’s three-run homer, his first home run in 43 at-bats this season, capped a four-run sixth inning, and Pa scattered nine hits as TX rallied to defeat TY 6-3.

V144 Ba’s action do and Bb act as TX slap TY with a d-e V.

Ba’s bases-loaded single produced three runs and Bb drove in the game-winning run in the 10th inning with his second double as TX slapped TY with its eighth consecutive loss, a 5-4 win.
Postscript

The sentence forms and their varieties listed above are limited to those which came to the writer's attention while he read the base-ball news columns of the Japan Times during approximately 1\(\frac{2}{3}\) base-ball seasons, previous to September 1983.

Naturally the writer does not think he has made an exhaustive collection of baseball news topic sentence forms nor their varieties. He thinks, however, he had made a collection of them numerous enough and reliable enough for him and his readers to be able to infer and build reliably-possible sentence forms and varieties that could fill the part left unlisted in the writer's present collection.

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