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| Types of verb complementation |
| Variants | Examples |
| **COPULAR (Types SVC and SVA)**  |  |
| [A1] Adjectival C | The girl seemed restless. |
| [A2] Nominal C | William is my friend. |
| [A3] Adverbial complementation | The kitchen is downstairs. |
| **MONOTRANSITIVE (Type SVO)** |  |
| [B1] Noun phrase as object (O)(with passive voice)[B2] Noun phrase as O (without passive voice) | Tom caught the ball.Paul lacks confidence.  |
| [B3] *that-*clause as O | I think that we have met. |
| [B4] *wh-*clause as O | Can you guess what she said? |
| [B5} *wh-*infinitive as O  | I learned how to sail a boat. |
| [B6] *to*-infinitive (-S) as O | We've decided to move house. |
| [B7] *-ing* clause (-S) as O | She enjoys playing squash. |
| [B8] *to-*infinitive (+S) as O | They want us to help. |
| [B9] *-ing* clause (+S) as O | I hate the children quarrelling. |
| **COMPLEX TRANSITIVE (Types SVOC and SVOA)** |  |
| [C1] Adjectival C  | That music drives me mad. |
| [C2] Nominal C  | They named the ship Zeus. |
| [C3] O + adverbial  | I left the key at home. |
| [C4] O + *to*-infinitive  | They knew him to be a spy. |
| [CS] O + bare infinitive  | I saw her leave the room. |
| [C6] -*ing* clause  | I heard someone shouting. |
| [C7*] -ed* clause  | I got the watch repaired. |
| **DITRANSITIVE (Type SVOO)** |  |
| [D1] Noun phrases as Oi & Od   | They offered her some food.  |
| [D2] With prepositional O  | Please say something to us. |
| [D3] O + *that*-clause | They told me that I was ill. |
| [D4] O + *wh*-clause | He asked me what time it was. |
| [D5] O + *wh*-infinitive clause | Mary showed us what to do. |
| [D6] O + *to*-infinitive clause | I advised Mark to see a doctor. |

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