

Declarative Sentences

What are declarative sentences?

The most common kind of sentence. A declarative sentence **makes a statement** — it relays information or declares something, rather than asking.

ASL gives you more than one way to order the same statement.

Start with time

Whatever order you choose, a time indicator still comes first: **TIME + SUBJECT + VERB + OBJECT** is the baseline. The orders below are the variations you can build on it.

Five ways to sign the same statement

English: I love apple pie.

SV0	Subject – Verb – Object	I LOVE APPLE PIE.
SV0S	Subject – Verb – Object – Subject	I LOVE APPLE PIE I. double pronoun
OSV	Object – Subject – Verb	APPLE PIE I LOVE.
V0S	Verb – Object – Subject	LOVE APPLE PIE I.
OVS	Object – Verb – Subject	APPLE PIE LOVE I.

You try

Write each sentence out in all five orders. Then sign your favorite version to a partner.

1. I enjoy swimming.

SV0 _____

SV0S _____

OSV _____

V0S _____

OVS _____

2. My cat's name is Blue!

SV0 _____

SV0S _____

OSV _____

V0S _____

OVS _____

3. American Sign Language class is my favorite!

SV0 _____

SV0S _____

OSV _____

V0S _____

OVS _____