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English VS Mvskoke Sentence Order

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(SVO)

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subject verb object

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Mvskoke

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Trying out this concept with English first...

- ✓ Take the English sentence and put the words in the Mvskoke sentence order

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The dog chases the cat _____

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Now let's try it with Mvskoke!

- ✓ The Mvskoke words are already in their correct forms and tenses. Place them in the sentence in the correct Mvskoke sentence order

"The bear is eating black berries"

- bear = nokose
- eating = hompe
- is = tos
- kvco = black berries

"The man runs"

- man = honvnwv
- letkes = runs



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1. The verb is always **LAST**
2. The only thing you have to have for a complete sentence in Mvskoke is a **VERB**
3. The verb "to be" is a **VERB** and is always the very last verb in the sentence

REMEMBER!

Example Sentences

Let's finish off by looking at various Mvskoke sentences with their English translations to get used to this sentence order.

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turtle eat is

The turtle is eating

- **Hokte afvcke tos**

Woman happy is

The woman is happy

- **Fuswv hueres**

bird stands

The bird stands / is standing

- **Eco noces**

deer sleeps

The deer sleeps / is sleeping

- **Honvnwv owv eske tos**

man water drinks is

The man is drinking water

- **Pose heyvn likes**

cat here sits

The cat sits here / is sitting here

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