

Transformation of Sentence: From Exclamatory to Assertive and Vice Versa

Rule 1: Subject and Verb of exclamatory sentence are to be used as the subject and verb of assertive sentence at the outset(beginning) of the sentence.

How/what → Replace by → Very(before adjective)/Great(before noun)

Ex: How fortunate you are!

Ass: You are very fortunate.

Exc: What a fool you are!

Ass: You are a great fool.

Rule 2: Sometimes the subject and the verb may be eclipsed(hidden) in that case we have to use

It is while converting exclamatory sentence into assertive sentence.

Ex: What a beautiful scenery!

Ass: It is a very beautiful scenery.

Ex: What a pity!

Ass: It is a great pity.

Rule 3: Hurrah → Replace by → I/We rejoice that/It is a matter of joy that

Ex: Hurrah! We have won the match.

Ass: It is a matter of joy that we have won the match

Or We rejoice that we have won the match.

Rule 4: Bravo → Replace by → It is matter of praise that

Ex: Bravo! You have won the prestigious scholarship.

Ass: It is a matter of praise that you have won the prestigious scholarship.

I/We praise that you have won the prestigious scholarship.

Rule 5: Alas → Replace by → I/we mourn that / It is a matter of sorrow or great grief that

Ex: Alas! He has failed

Ass: We mourn that he has failed.

Ex: Alas! His father has passed away.

Ass: It is a matter of sorrow or grief that his father has passed away.

Or We mourn that his father has passed away.

Rule 6: Fie! Fie! → Replaced by → It is shameful that/It is a matter of contempt

Ex: Fie! He cannot tolerate the poor.

Ass: It is shameful that he cannot tolerate the poor.

Rule 7: Had/ were/ if/. Would that (at the outset(beginning)) → Replace by → I wish+ subject again+were /had+ rest of the part of the sentence

Ex: Had I the wings of a bird!

Ass: I wish I had the wings of a bird.

Ex: Were I a bird!

Ass: I wish I were a bird.

Ex: I I were young again!

Ass: I wish I were young again.

Ex: Would that I could be a child!

Ass: I wish I could be a child.

Rule 8: O that → Replace by → I wish

Ex: O that you were a cricketer!

Ass: O wish you were a cricketer.

Ex: O that I were a poet!

Ass: I wish I were a poet.

Exercise :

Change the following Exclamatory sentences into Assertive sentences.

1. How poor Sudama was!
2. What a great Emperor Ashoka was!
3. What a poisonous snake!
4. How hot!
5. What a scholar he is!
6. How funny!
7. What a joke!
8. What a place!
9. Fie! Fie! You are a coward.
10. Bravo! You have topped the list.
11. Hurrah! They have made the winning goal.
12. Were I a Prime Minister!
13. Had I the intelligence of Newton!
14. O that I were a director!
15. Alas! Rahul has lost his precious watch.