

Class- XII

Subject- English Grammar

Lecture -2

Transformations

There are some interrogative sentences which function according to their meaning such sentences are called assertive sentences and these sentences are also called **rhetorical questions**.

For example:

Isn't India a big country?

India is big country.

Transforming Assertive sentences into Interrogative

Assertive

It is very strange.

Everyone knows you.

I am a fly like thee.

Nobody else could have done it.

There is nothing wrong with me.

That is not the way to do it.

Interrogative

Isn't it very strange?

Who does not know you?

Am I not a fly like thee?

Who else could have done it?

Is there anything wrong with me?

Is that the way to do it?

Transforming Exclamatory sentences into Assertive

Exclamatory

Assertive

What a lovely flower it is!

It is very lovely flower.

O that I was a bird!

I wish I were a bird.

What a piece of work is man!

Man is a wonderful piece of work.

If only I could win the first prize!

My greatest aim is to win the first prize.

To think of my seeing you here!

I never thought I would see you here.

Alas! Ram Lal is dead.

It is very sad that ram Lal is dead.

The way of changing from exclamatory to assertive

First of all, arrange **subject + verb** in the sentence.

If exclamation starts with how, what, such etc then we have to add **very** or **great + adjective or adjective + noun**.

If **exclamation** starts with **o that, would that, if I were, if only, alas that** then we can use **I wish, I earnestly desire I am sad**, etc in the assertive sentence.

Use full stop in place of exclamation mark.

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