The correct strategy with which we can write any sentence Abyssinia produces as an example Tigriyna.

The five Ws plus an H (how) strategy to write a correct Tigriyna sentence/ እተን መን, እንታይ, አበይ, መአስ,ንምንታይ, እውን ከመይ ስትራባያ ምእንቲ ጸሐፌ ሐንቲ እርርምቲ ቲግሪይና ባሀሊ ወይ ባሀለት (from the main verb 'በለ')

The five Ws + how stand for:

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1. who¹/መን¹,
4. when⁴/መአስ⁴,
2. what²/እንታይ²,
5. why⁵/ንምንታይ⁵ and
3. where³/አበይ³,
6. how⁶/ ከመይ⁶.
e.g., The spider¹ caught² a fly at its place³ yesterday⁴ for its food⁵ with its web⁶.
እታ ሳሬት¹ ሐዘት² ሐንቲ ጽንጽያ ናብ እቲ ናታ ስፍራ³ ትማሊ⁴ ምእንቲ እቲ ናታ ምባቢ⁵ ምስ እታ ናታ ሳሬትዓለባ⁶.
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So, the above sentence is correct in every sense because it is written according to the rule of grammar. And when the numbers change places, e.g. $2 \Leftrightarrow 6$, or $1 \Leftrightarrow 5$, the sentence will be incorrect.

My Abyssinian school did not teach me the above strategy on how to write a correct sentence. My students also didn't learn because I wasn't aware of it. But after a long time, I learned it, obviously outside Abyssinia, in the journalism course I followed by correspondence. After that, thanks to this strategy, I am able to write a modern dictionary of three languages: Tigrinya-Italian-English and other works. Visit Sewwit.org

When we use the formula, consisting of the five Ws plus one H., it doesn't mean that they will always apply. For example, here are two of the shorter sentences.

- I am.
- The hero wept.

To lengthen a short sentence we just add where, when, why, and how. E.g.

The hero wept **where**, **when**, **why** and **how**.

- አነ እየ.
- እቲ ጀግና ነብዐ.

ምእንቲ አንውሐ (ነውሐ) ሐንቲ ሐጻር ባህሊ ንሕና ንውስስኽ በይኑ አበይ, መአስ, ንምንታይ, እውን ከመይ. E.g.

Can this formula be introduced in all local languages, such as Afar, Amharic, Kunama, Oromo, Tigre, etc.? Yes, in fact we are too late to do that. So, let's turn over the old chapter that has no correct formula to

guide writing a correct and modern sentence. The reason is very simple and clear it is just to improve our art of writing and speaking which is damaged by the system we have. (Please save it and pass it)

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