

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 ስትራግያ ምእንቲ ጸሐፊ. ሐንቲ እርርምቲ ቲግሪይና ባህሊ ወይ ባህሉት (from the main verb 'በለ')

The five Ws + how stand for who¹/መን¹, what²/እንታይ², where³/አበይ³, when⁴/መአስ⁴, why⁵/ንምንታይ⁵ and 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 ኣቲ ናታ ስፍራ³ ትማሊ⁴ ምእንቲ ኣቲ ናታ ምግብ⁵ ምስ እታ ናታ ሳሬትግለባ⁶.

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 ↔ 6, or 1 ↔ 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.

- 1. I am. 2. 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.

መአስ ንሕና ንለምምድ እታ ፎርሙላ (ስርዓት), ግብርቲ ብ እተን ሐምምብተ ቃላት, መን, እንታይ, አበይ, መአስ, ንምንታይ እውን ከመይ, አይማለትን ወትሩ ይንገራ. ምእንቲ ሐደ ኣብነት እንኔሆ ክልትተ ናይ እተን ብዙሕ ሐጻርቲ ባህሊ (በለ).

- 1. አነ እየ. 2. ኣቲ ጀግና ነብዐ.

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

ኣቲ ጀግና ነብዐ አበይ, መአስ, ንምንታይ, እውን ከመይ.

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)