**Sentence Structure in Japanese (The Importance of Particles)**



(Source: <https://8020japanese.com/japanese-sentence-structure/> )

**Note**

* The verb is at the end
* The roles of other words are indicated through the use of particles (as above)
* A particle relates to the noun – or noun phrase – before it.
* The topic is usually introduced first, but the remaining information can often be presented in various orders…to emphasise certain details etc.
* The particle “no” indicates possession/belonging e.g. watashi no hon (my book)

Examples:

1. 私　は　犬　と　庭　で　遊びました。

わたし　は　いぬ　と　にわ　で　あそびました。

2. デービッド　は　部屋　で　アマンダ　の　本　を　読みました。

デービッド　は　へや　で　アマンダ　の　ほん　を　よみました。

**Vocabulary**

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| **Nouns (meishi)** |  | **Verbs (dōshi)** |
| uchiiekurumadenshahikōkijitenshabasunekoinuushiumahonshinbunzasshieigatabemono nomimonoekikōentoshokandaigakuheyadaidokoroniwatomodachi |  |  | ikimasukimasukaerimasuyomimasumimasunomimasutabemasukaimasuhanashimasuasobimasuarukimasunemasuokimasubenkyō shimasu,renshū shimasusōji shimasusentaku shimasuundō shimasu |  |
|  | **Adjectives (keiyōshi)** |
|  | akaiaoishiroikuroitakaiyasui hikuiatarashiifuruihayaiosoioishiimazuiomoshiroi |  |