OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SENTENCE

§ 19. As the other members of a sent. (which are enagreements of one or other of the three essential members) have the same relative position in all sentences, whether principal or dependent, they may be treated of in this place.

(a) Nouns or pronouns gov. by prepositions follow simple objects not gov. by prepositions, whether nouns or pronouns, direct or indirect objects, as:

He has written a letter to me.

Er hat einen Brief an mich geschrieben.

(b) Pronouns, unless as under (a), precede nouns, as: He has written me a letter.

He has given it to my sister.

Er hat es meiner Schwester gegeben.

Er hat mir einen Brief geschrieben.

(c) Of several pronouns in different cases, the dat. comes before the gen., the acc. before both, as:

He has given it to me. Er hat es mir gegeben.

(d) With nouns, the person precedes the thing, except as under (a), as:

He has given my sister a book. Er hat meiner Schwester ein Buch gegeben.

(e) Time before place, as:

He has been here frequently this week. Er ist diese Woche oft hier gewesen.

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