

## A GUIDE TO THE STRUCTURAL GRADING OF HEINEMANN GUIDED READERS

LEVEL		VERBAL GROUP	NOMINAL GROUP	ADVERBIALS	ADJECTIVALS	SENTENCE STRUCTURE
ORTA/LISE PREP	Starter Level (about 300 basic words)	Present simple tense Present continuous tense Future tense with <i>going to</i>	Simple common nouns Proper nouns	Verb+maximum of one simple Adverbial phrase of manner, place or time	Maximum of one <b>Adjective</b> before the noun or in the predicate	Simple sentences with maximum of one <b>Clause</b> Subject+Verb Subject+Complement Subject+Verb+Object Simple sentences introduced by: <i>There is...There are...It is...</i> Simple questions which can be answered using yes or no
	Structures occasionally found at Starter, and frequently at all subsequent levels.	Modal-must (obligation) Modal-can (ability)			Two <b>Adjectives</b> before the noun	Questions beginning with wh-words
ORTA /LISE PREP	Beginner Level (about 600 basic words)	Present and Past simple tenses Present and Past continuous tenses Future tense with <i>going to</i> and <i>will/shall</i> Modal - <i>can</i> (for ability) Modal - <i>have</i> (for obligation)	Common nouns Proper nouns Nouns in simple apposition Two Nouns linked by <i>and</i>	Verb+maximum of two <b>Adverbs</b> Verb+maximum of two simple Adverbial phrases of position, direction, time or manner	Maximum of one <b>Adjectives</b> +nouns Noun+one simple <b>Adjectival</b> phrase Simple comparatives	Simple sentences Compound sentences with maximum of two <b>clauses</b> joined by <i>and, but</i> or <i>or</i>
	Structures occasionally found at Beginner, and frequently at all subsequent levels	Present perfect tense Past perfect tense	Noun phrase in apposition to a noun	Simple <b>Adverbs</b> of probability perhaps/probably		Compound sentences with three <b>clauses</b> , joined by a comma then by <i>and, but</i> or <i>or</i>
ORTA /LISE PREP	Elementary Level (about 1100 basic Words)	Past perfect tenses Simple <b>passive</b> forms Simple linked verb forms	Abstract nouns Maximum of three adjectives +Noun Two adjectives+Noun +adjectival phrase	Adverbs of frequency and duration	Comparative and superlative forms of <b>Adjectives</b>	Complex sentences maximum of Main clause+ on Subordinate clause Adverbial clauses of time Adjectival clauses introduced by <i>who, that</i> and <i>which</i>
	Structures occasionally found at Elementary, and frequently at all subsequent levels	Infinitives of purpose Conditional forms Modals			Superlative forms of <b>Adjectives</b> + <b>Adjectival</b> clause	Adverbial clauses of comparison Adverbial clauses of reason
ORTA/LISE 1	Intermediate Level (about 1600 basic words)	Present perfect continuous tense Past perfect continuous tense Future perfect Extended use of modals and conditional forms Verbs of <b>perception</b> +infinitive Verbs of <b>perception</b> + present participle	Maximum of three adjectives +Noun+adjectival phrase or clause	Verbs+two <b>Adverbs</b> +Adverbial clause	More complex <b>Adjectival</b> groups modifying a noun	Complex sentences- maximum of main clause+ two Subordinate clauses Adverbial clauses of purpose- concession condition Embedded clauses Contact clauses
ORTA/LISE 2	Upper Level (about 2200 basic words)	Future perfect conditional tense Extended verb forms-maximum of three verbs	Noun modifiers Maximum of four adjectives+ Noun+adjectival phrase or clause	Verb+ maximum of two <b>Adverbs</b> + two <b>Adverbial</b> clauses		Complex sentences- maximum of Main clause+ two Subordinate clauses

All levels are cumulative and any structure listed at one level is freely permitted at any higher level