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The cat (subject) washes (verb)
its paw (object). This is the
correct word order and also
there is agreement between
the words.

If there were no agreement
within the sentence, it could
read, "The cat washes their
paw." This does not make
sense. The cat may have four
paws, but it is only washing
one paw. For there to be
agreement, the possessive 'it' has
to be correct.

Thus 'The cats (plural) wash
their (plural) paws (plural).'
This is the correct use
of the plural possessive (their).

At first, syntax can
seem daunting and it is always
difficult initially to understand
what a 'subject', 'verb' or
'object' actually is. It can
also be difficult to understand
whether agreement b/w the
'subject', 'verb' or 'object'
is right or wrong.

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Transformation of Sentences

Transformation of Sentences is done in various ways.

The nature of the sentences can be changed without changing the meaning of the sentences.

I. Sentences containing the verb 'too':

Example - I
* My friend is too rich by my consort.

You can see how the transformation of sentences containing the adverb 'too' takes place without changing the meaning of the sentences.

* My friend is so rich that he can not be my consort.

Example - 2.

* The news is too good to be true.

You can see how the transformation of sentence takes place in to the following of the version without changing the meaning of the sentence.

The news is so good that it can not be true.

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The transformation of - sentences takes place by removing the adverb 'too' and by adding a conjunction 'so... that'.

In this way, the following sentences have been changed for your attention.

Examples —

- * He is too proud to beg.
- He is so proud that he will not beg.
- * It is never too late to mend.
- It is not so late that it can not be mended.
- * He is too ignorant for the post of a postman.
- He is so ignorant that he is not suitable for the post of a postman.
- * This shirt is small for me.
- This shirt is so small that it is not suitable for me.
- * He speaks too fast to be understood.
- He speaks so fast that he can not be understood.

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2. Interchange of Degrees of Comparison:

The transformation - of - sentences, containing comparatives, can be done as follows with out changing the meaning of

Example - 1.

Positive: This razor is not as sharp as that one.

Comparative: That razor is sharper than this one.

Example - 2

Positive :- very few cities in India are as rich as Mumbai.

Comparative :- Mumbai is richer than most other cities in India.

Superlative - Mumbai is one of the richest cities in India.

