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## Differences Between English and Gujarati

I've been speaking Gujarati, a Hindi-derivative, my entire life, and it has a great deal of difference in almost all four areas, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics, but I'd like to mostly focus on the syntax. In Gujarati, we follow a SOV (suject-object-verb) word order rather than the English SVO (subject-verb-object). If we wanted to illustrate that we were currently reading, in English we'd say, "I am reading a book." In Gujarati, we would instead say something that translates directly to "I book read am." You'll notice that this also alters how we conjugate our verbs; in Gujarati, verb conjugation actually describes a lot more such as seniority of the object to the subject, gender, mood, and tense of the sentence. These differences also exist between adjective-noun order where adjectives tend to come after the noun they modify while in English we put them in front. Question formulation is also inverted when in English we may ask,"How are you?" in Gujarati we would instead posit,"You how are?" These are just a few of the key differences in syntax between Gujarati and English. Each language has its own unique rules and structures that govern how sentences are formed and how ideas are expressed.