

USING CONCATENATION IN TMG

COMBINING BIRTH AND BAPTISM SENTENCES

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Definition of Concatenate

- ▣ con·cat·e·nate
- ▣ [kon-kat-n-eyt] Show IPA verb, con·cat·e·nat·ed, con·cat·e·nat·ing, adjective
- ▣ **verb** (used with object)
- ▣ 1.
- ▣ to link together; unite in a series or chain.
- ▣ **adjective**
- ▣ 2.
- ▣ linked together, as in a chain.
- ▣ Origin:
- ▣ 1425–75; late Middle English (past participle) < Late Latin concatēnātus (past participle of concatēnāre), equivalent to con- + Latin catēn (a) chain + -ātus -ate1

Simple Example

- ▣ John Doe was born 1 Jan 1800 in London England. He was baptised 2 Jan 1800 in Christ Church Cathedral, London England
- ▣ Concatenating the above 2 sentences
- ▣ John Doe was born 1 Jan 1900 in London England and was baptised 2 Jan 1800 in Christ Church Cathedral, London England

So How Do We Do This In TMG?

- ▣ Concatenation in TMG is done using the + sign in square brackets: [+]
- ▣ It is used at the **beginning** of a Tag sentence structure to “link” to a **previous** Tag.
- ▣ Altering the sentence structure of the first Tag is not necessary...Period!
- ▣ Additional wording after the [+] is normally used to blend in sentences
- ▣ Most common Tags concatenated would probably be: Born & Bap, Born & Christened, Died & Buried
- ▣ There are probably other Tags that can be linked this way to create much more fluid like sentences

Basic Born Sentence Structure

Sentence structures

Role: P1: Principal

Language: Dutch, English (U.K.), English (U.S.), English (U.S.)

Sentence structure: (Default) :
[P], born <[D]> <[M]> <[L]>

Preview: René Joseph Gérard CHENIER, born on 23 Dec 1917 in Thurso, Papineau, QC, Canada, T.

Recalculate the preview with each keystroke [\(Why is it not correct?\)](#)

OK Cancel Help

Basic Baptised Sentence Structure

Sentence structures

Role: P1: Principal

Language: Dutch, English (U.K.), English (U.S.)

Sentence structure: (Custom) :
[P] was baptized <[D]> <[L]> <[M]>

Preview: René Joseph Gérard CHENIER was baptized on 25 Dec 1917 in St-Jean-l'Evangéliste,

Recalculate the preview with each keystroke

[\(Why is it not correct?\)](#)

OK Cancel Help

Example of Sentence structure before modification

1. René Joseph Gérard **CHENIER**, born on 23 Dec 1917 at Thurso, QC, Canada. He was baptized on 25 Dec 1917 at St-Jean-l'Evangeliste, Thurso, QC, Canada. He married Véronique Antoinette Marie **SIGOUIN**, daughter of Honoré **SIGOUIN** and Hélène **LEPAGE**, on 30 Jun 1943 at Woodstock, ON, Canada. He died on 18 May 2004 at Gloucester, ON, Canada, at the age of 86 and was buried on 21 May 2004 at Gloucester, ON, Canada.

Note the “choppiness” of the first two sentences

It would look more fluid if they were combined

Born Sent Structure (No modification required)

The screenshot shows a window titled "Sentence structures" with a red background. At the top, there are standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). Below the title bar, there are two dropdown menus: "Role" and "Language". The "Role" dropdown is set to "P1: Principal". The "Language" dropdown is open, showing options: "Dutch", "English (U.K.)", "English (U.S.)" (which is selected), and "English". Below these menus, the text "Sentence structure: (Default) :" is followed by a text area containing the structure "[P], born <[D]> <[M]> <[L]>". Below this is a "Preview" section with a "Refresh" button. The preview text is "René Joseph Gérard CHENIER, born on 23 Dec 1917 in Thurso, Papineau, QC, Canada, T.". Below the preview is a checkbox labeled "Recalculate the preview with each keystroke" and a link "(Why is it not correct?)". At the bottom of the window are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Help".

Sentence structures

Role P1: Principal

Language Dutch
English (U.K.)
English (U.S.)
English

Sentence structure: (Default) :
[P], born <[D]> <[M]> <[L]>

Preview Refresh

René Joseph Gérard CHENIER, born on 23 Dec 1917 in Thurso, Papineau, QC, Canada, T.

Recalculate the preview with each keystroke (Why is it not correct?)

OK Cancel Help

Note that the previous Tag's sentence structure need not be modified

Baptism Sentence Structure (after modification)

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Sentence structures" with a red border. It contains several fields and controls:

- Role:** A dropdown menu with "P1: Principal" selected.
- Language:** A dropdown menu with "English (U.S.)" selected.
- Sentence structure: (Default):** A text field containing "[+] and was baptized <[D]> <[L]> <[M]>" highlighted in cyan.
- Preview:** A text field showing a rendered example: "[+] and was baptized on 25 Dec 1917 in St-Jean-l'Evangéliste, Thurso, Papineau, QC,".
- Refresh:** A button to the right of the preview field.
- Recalculate the preview with each keystroke:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked.
- (Why is it not correct?):** A link-like text at the bottom right of the preview area.
- Buttons:** "OK", "Cancel", and "Help" buttons at the bottom of the window.

Note that the [+] is placed at the beginning of the sentence structure

Example of New Sentence Structure (Using Concatenation)

1. René Joseph Gérard **CHENIER**, born on 23 Dec 1917 at Thurso, QC, Canada and was baptized on 25 Dec 1917 at St-Jean-l'Évangéliste, Thurso, QC, Canada. He married Véronique Antoinette Marie **SIGOUIN**, daughter of Honoré **SIGOUIN** and Hélène **LEPAGE**, on 30 Jun 1943 at Woodstock, ON, Canada. He died on 18 May 2004 at Gloucester, ON, Canada, at the age of 86 and was buried on 21 May 2004 at Gloucester, ON, Canada.

After using concatenation feature the first two sentences are combined providing a much more fluid sentence to read

Tag Type Definition Screen

Tag Type Definition

Label : Baptism Language : English (U.S.) Active

General Roles and Sentences Other

Role :

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Principal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Witness
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Child
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deacon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Godfather
<input type="checkbox"/>	Godmother
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minister
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mother
<input type="checkbox"/>	Priest

Male sentence structure :

[+] and was baptized <[D]> <[L]> <[M]>

Female sentence structure (if different) :

This role is appropriate for : Sex : Any

Minimum age : Any

Maximum age : Any

TMG Help Reference

Concatenating Sentences

You can now begin a sentence structure with a special code, **[+]**, to cause it to be concatenated (joined) with the previous sentence in a narrative in order to form a single compound sentence.

For instance:

Tag 1 sentence structure: [P] was born <[D]>

Tag 2 sentence structure: [+] and died <[D]>

The resulting sentence would be something like this:

John Smith was born in 1842 and died on 6 September 1902.

Note that the second sentence must **_start_** with the **[+]** code. If the **[+]** code is found at any other position in the sentence, then it is ignored.

When the **[+]** code is present:

1. The ending punctuation of the first sentence is suppressed.
2. The normally-automated capitalization (if any) at the beginning of the second sentence is suppressed.
3. Spaces immediately following the **[+]** are honored.

Any number of tags can be combined in this way to create a single compound sentence. If citations are included, then they will continue to be output at the end of each sentence fragment (as appropriate), resulting in a compound sentence with citations embedded in the middle of the text.