

SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Simple Sentence

Simple sentence = **subject** = **ONE verb**

A simple sentence generally has a single clause, one main verb and communicates one idea. A simple sentence has a subject and ONLY ONE verb:

- ❖ It was raining.
- ❖ The cat purred quietly.
- ❖ Rebecca sang.
- ❖ The girl sprinted after the tiger.

Coordinating Conjunctions

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**for, and, nor, because,
or, yet, so**



Compound Sentence

A compound sentence is formed when you join two main clauses (parts of sentences) with a conjunction. The clauses are linked by coordinating conjunctions (and, but, so, or).

Compound sentence = **main clause** + **conjunction** + **main clause**

- ❖ It was cold but we still went to town.
- ❖ It was raining so we stayed indoors.

This makes the two ideas equal in the sentence - if we take away one part of it, we are left with a single-clause sentence again.

Complex Sentence

Complex sentence = **main clause** + **conjunction** + **subordinate clause**

A complex sentence joins a main clause and a subordinate clause with a conjunction. The subordinate clause relies on a main clause to make sense.

The big dog barked whenever I knocked on the door.

Conjunctions used in complex sentences include after, although, as, because, if, since and unless.

These tell us about the order or the place in which things happened or specify a cause or effect relationship between events.

Subordinating Conjunctions

A: after, although, as, as if, as long as, as much as, as soon as, as though

B: because, before, by the time

E: even if, even though

I: if, in case

O: once, only if

P: provided that,

S: since, so that

T: than, that, though, till

U: unless, until

W: when, whenever, where, wherever, while

Purpose of Sentences

Statement

Tell us things. We tend to see these in school text books, in newspapers, or in an encyclopaedia.

Paris is the capital of France.

Question

Ask us things or make us think about things.

When did the First World War end?

Command

Tell which are also called commands. These tell us what to do, so we find these in instructions, recipes and signs.

Put your rubbish in the bin.

Exclamation

Exclamations are shouted out. You would hear these at a football match, in arguments, or if you told a joke.

What an amazing goal!