



# SENTENCES

## WHAT IS A SENTENCE?

A sentence is a group of words that express a complete thought.

Sentences can be simple or complicated. They can be long or short. Sometimes a single word can be a sentence.

E.g. RUN! Sentences can sometimes be silly. As long as the words express a complete thought, it is still a sentence. They have both a subject (noun) and a verb.

E.g. The octopus ate oranges for breakfast.

TASK 1: Which of these are not a sentence? Highlight them **red!**

My sister annoys me every single day.

Ran through the trees.

Slowly.

Jacinta rode her bike to the park.

**\*Remember, sentences express a complete thought. They have both a subject (noun) and a verb.**

## TYPES OF SENTENCES

There are three types of sentences: **simple** sentences, **compound** sentences and **complex** sentences.

Each of these sentence types has a unique structure.

It is important to use all three sentence types in your writing. This makes your writing more enjoyable and interesting for the reader!

Let's look at each type of sentence more closely.

## SIMPLE SENTENCES

A simple sentence is also called an independent clause. It contains a **subject** and a **verb** and expresses a complete thought.

Example:

**Scott** **was playing** tennis.

**simple sentence = subject + one verb**

**Can you think of a simple sentence to use when writing a persuasive text?**

# COMPOUND SENTENCES

A compound sentence contains two independent clauses joined by a **coordinating conjunction**.

Example:

Scott was playing tennis so Mia went for a run.

**compound sentence = main clause + conjunction + main clause**

Coordinating conjunctions are used to connect independent clauses.

The seven coordinating conjunctions are for, and, nor, but, or, yet and so.

These can be remembered using the acronym **FANBOYS**.

**FANBOY** is an **acronym**, that means that each letter in the words is the first letter of another word.

When you use FANBOYS it becomes a compound sentence.

F - for

A - and

N - nor

B - but

O - or

Y - yet

S - so

**Compound sentences** are just two simple sentences put together with **FANBOYS**. We often use FANBOYS to start a sentence, but they are much better used to link two simple sentences together! Compound sentences are a great way to enhance your writing.

**Add a coordinating conjunction to these compound sentences. Right them into your book or copy and paste them to your English One Note tab!**

1. I would like to come to the movie, \_\_\_\_\_ I don't have a ticket.
2. Molly is saving her pocket money, \_\_\_\_\_ she can buy a new dress.
3. Dad drove the car, \_\_\_\_\_ Mum gave directions.
4. Joshua can buy the book, \_\_\_\_\_ he can borrow it from the library.
5. Christina had stayed up late, \_\_\_\_\_ she didn't feel tired.
6. I put on my winter coat, \_\_\_\_\_ it was cold outside.
7. My brother does not like peas, \_\_\_\_\_ does he like carrots.

**If you are needing more practice with compound sentences find the PowerPoint (Compound Sentences) and work through the slides!**

## COMPLEX SENTENCE

A complex sentence combines an independent clause with one or more dependent clauses. A complex sentence always contains a **subordinating conjunction**.

Example:

Lionel wore his ear muffs because he was cold.

**complex sentences = main clause + conjunction + dependent clause**

**Subordinating conjunctions are used to join an independent clause to a dependent clause. They show how the two clauses relate to each other. Here are some commonly used subordinating conjunctions.**

## ACTIVITY

**CAN YOU FIND 3 COMPLEX SENTENCES IN THIS PARAGRAPH? WRITE THEM DOWN IN YOUR BOOK OR COPY THEM TO THE ENGLISH ONE NOTE TAB!**

My older brother loves to sing. When he sings, he sounds like a real rock star. He has a true talent for entertaining people! As soon as he steps onto the stage, his eyes light up like diamonds. His face comes alive and his voice pierces the silence. Whenever I hear him, I am always in awe of his performance. He is a star!

**If you are needing more practice with complex sentences find the PowerPoint (complex sentences) and work through the slides!**

## GREAT WORK!

**WE HAVE NOW FINISHED LOOKING AT SIMPLE, COMPOUND AND COMPLEX SENTENCES. ACTIVITIES ARE ATTACHED FOR YOU TO COMPLETE. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE ALL OF THEM IN ONE DAY.**

## GOOD LUCK!



## ACTIVITIES:

THE ACTIVITIES ARE ATTACHED IN FOLDERS, LOOK FOR THE NAME OF EACH ACTIVITY.

### Beginner:

Co-ordinating-Conjunctions-Differentiated-Activity-Sheets\_ver\_2

Using-Different-Types-of-Conjunctions-Differentiated-Worksheets

### Intermediate:

what-is-a-complex-sentence-spot-the-complex-multi-clause-sentences-differentiated-activity-sheets

Simple-Compound-and-Complex-Sentences-Worksheet

### Expert:

Subordinating Conjunction Jigsaws 1.pdf

Main Clause Followed by a Subordinate Clause Rule Activity.pdf

Extending Sentences by Adding Subordinate Clause Activity.pdf