

COMMA NOTES!



Compound Sentences

A **compound sentence** is made up of two or more simple sentences (independent clauses). Often the space between the joined parts is marked with a subordinating conjunction and a comma.

Coordinating Conjunctions - For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So (FANBOYS)

Compound sentence - (Independent clause) + COO + (second + independent clause)

Examples:

Compound sentence - **Heads, a comma.**

- Caroline went to the park, but today didn't go.
- The camp looks so nice, and otherwise does her homework.

Sentence that don't need a comma

- The camp looks so nice and never does her homework.
- I don't like pizza or hot dogs.
- I am going shopping and then will see dinner.

Complex Sentences

A **complex sentence** has two or independent clauses and at least one dependent clause. Complex sentences are marked with subordinating conjunctions.

Independent clause - is a complete thought and can stand alone.

Dependent clause - is not a complete thought, and cannot stand alone.

Examples of **subordinating conjunctions**: after, although, because, before, if, since, as, that, until, when, where, while

Complex sentence - Independent clause + dependent clause OR dependent clause + comma + independent clause

Examples of **complex sentences**

1. Because he was hungry, he ate with the teacher slowly.
2. He ate with the teacher slowly because he was hungry.
3. Though it was raining, we still had a picnic.
4. We still had a picnic even though it was raining.