

Sentence Types

Simple Sentence

- Contains a subject and a predicate
- Expresses a complete thought.

Examples:

The boys went to the park.

We like pizza.

Tip:

A simple sentence is also called an independent clause.

Compound Sentence

- Contains two or more independent clauses.
- Clauses are joined by a coordinating conjunction.

Examples:

The boys went to the park, but they did not go to the zoo.

We like pizza, and we like spaghetti.

Tip:

Look for these conjunctions:
for, and, nor, but, or, yet.

Complex Sentence

- Contains an independent clause and a dependent clause.
- Dependent clause begins with a subordinating conjunction.

Examples:

Because the boys went to the park, they did not go to the zoo.

The boys did not go to the zoo because they went to the park.

Tip:

Look for these subordinating conjunctions:
after, before, because, although, when, since, if, whenever, unless, while, so, that, even though, wherever.