



Types of sentences

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Types of sentences

Simple sentence

Compound sentence

Complex sentence

Compound-complex sentence

Review

Independent clause

- Contains a subject and a verb and a complete idea.
- It can stand alone as a sentence.

Dependent clause

- Contains a subject and a verb, but no complete idea.
- It must be attached to an independent clause to form a complete sentence.

Review

Independent clause

- I studied math yesterday.
- The bus was late.

Dependent clause

- After I studied math yesterday,
- Although the bus was late,

Simple sentence

- It contains a **subject** and a **verb**, and it may also have an object and modifiers.
- It contains **ONLY** one independent clause.
 - **She** studied.
 - **She** studied math.
 - **She** studied math for many hours.

Simple sentence

- Layla likes reading.
- Layla and Ahmed like reading. (compound subject)
- Layla likes reading and writing. (compound object)
- Layla likes and practices reading. (compound verb)
- Layla and Ahmed like and practice reading. (compound subject and verb)
- Layla and Ahmed like and practice reading and writing. (compound subject, verb and object)

Simple sentence

Write a simple sentence on
your notebook

Compound sentence

- It contains two or more independent clauses.
- The independent clauses are joint by:
 - Coordinating conjunction
 - Conjunctive adverb
 - Semicolon

Compound sentence

- Layla likes reading. (independent clause)
- Ahmed prefers writing. (independent clause)

Coordinating conjunctions

For, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

- Layla likes reading, **but** Ahmed prefers writing.
- Layla likes reading, **and** Ahmed prefers writing.

Compound sentence

- Layla likes reading, **but** Ahmed prefers writing.
- Independent clause, **coordinating conjunction** independent clause.
- She completed her literature review, **and** she created her reference list.
- We revised our notes for many hours, **but** we still did not start solving the homework.

Compound sentence

- Layla likes reading. (independent clause)
- Ahmed prefers writing. (independent clause)

Conjunctive adverbs

However, therefore, moreover, consequently,
nevertheless, in addition, for example, for
instance, indeed, at least

Compound sentence

- Layla likes reading. (independent clause)
- Ahmed prefers writing. (independent clause)
- Layla likes reading; however, Ahmed prefers writing.
- Independent clause; conjunctive adverb, independent clause.

Compound sentence

- It was a difficult assignment; **however**, I was up to the challenge.
- You need to pack the appropriate things for your trip; **for example**, a jacket will keep you warm in the airplane.

Compound sentence

- Layla likes reading. (independent clause)
- Ahmed prefers writing. (independent clause)
- Layla likes reading; Ahmed prefers writing.
- Independent clause; independent clause.

Compound sentence

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References

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