

Sentence Types

1. Compound-complex sentence

- 1.1. Structure
- 1.2. Examples

1.1.1. Independent clause+ subordinating conjunction+ dependent clause + coordinating conjunction+ independent clause

1.2.1. He left in a hurry after he got a phone call but he came back five minutes later.

1.2.2. John didn't come because he was ill so Mary was not happy.

2. Complex sentence

- 2.1. Structure
- 2.2. Examples

2.1.1. Independent clause + subordinating conjunction + dependent clause

2.2.1. Do you know the man who is talking to Mary?

2.2.2. He left in a hurry after he got a phone call.

2.2.3. Our dog barks when she hears a noise.

2.2.4. We missed our plane because we were late.

Common subordinating conjunctions:
after, although, as, because, before, how, if, once, since, than, that, though, till, until, when, where, whether, while

3. Compound sentence

- 3.1. Structure
- 3.2. Examples

3.1.1. Independent clause + coordinating conjunction / semicolon + independent clause

3.2.1. Our car broke down; we came last.

3.2.2. Mary went to work but John went to party.

3.2.3. I like coffee and Mary likes tea.

Seven coordinating conjunctions: and, but, or, nor, for, yet, so

4. Simple sentence

- 4.1. Structure
 - 4.1.1. One independent clause.
- 4.2. Examples
 - 4.2.1. Mary did not go to the party.
 - 4.2.2. The earth goes around the sun.
 - 4.2.3. I like coffee.

An independent clause contains a subject and verb and expresses a complete thought.