

Grade 7 English FAL

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Simple, compound and complex sentences:

What is a simple sentence?

Sentences can be structured in different ways.

A simple sentence has a subject and **ONLY ONE verb**:

The boy **kicked** the ball.

The wolf **howled** at the moon.

What is a compound sentence?

A compound sentence is formed when you join two main clauses with a conjunction (*See lesson on 28/04/2020*). In a compound sentence the clauses are linked by **coordinating conjunctions** (and, but, so, or).

I **like** bananas **and** I **like** grapes.

Zoe **can be** rude at times **but** she **is** a nice girl.

What is a complex or multi-clause sentence?

A complex sentence is formed when you join a main clause and a subordinate (dependent) clause with a conjunction (*See lesson on 28/04/2020*). A subordinate (dependent) clause is one that relies on a main clause to make sense. "*Remember the main peanut in the pakkie...*"

The conjunctions in complex sentences are **subordinating conjunctions** and they tell us about the order or the place in which things happened or specify a cause or effect relationship between events. Conjunctions used in complex sentences include after, although, as, because, if, since, unless, when.

I love roast potatoes, **although** my mum prefers them mashed.

You need to prepare for the spelling test tomorrow **if** you want to get all your spellings right.

The big dog barked **whenever** I knocked on the door.