

Sentences

Simple Sentences

A simple sentence is also called an independent clause.

Simple sentence = **subject** + **verb**

Simple sentence always expresses ONE complete thought!

Scott **plays** tennis in the morning.

Compound Sentences

A compound sentence contains TWO independent clauses (two simple sentences) joined by a COORDINATING CONJUNCTION.

I call the **coordinating conjunctions** the "FANBOYS".

F	FOR
A	AND
N	NOR
B	BUT
O	OR
Y	SO
S	YET

Compound sentence = (subject + verb) + (subject + verb)
Complete thought complete thought

Scott **was playing** tennis, **so** **Mary** **went** to the beach.

Complex Sentences

A complex sentence combines an independent clause (simple sentence) with ONE or MORE dependent clauses (an incomplete thought). A complex sentence ALWAYS has a **subordinating conjunction** (after, although, since, because, when) or a relative pronoun (that, which, who).

Complex sentence = (subject + verb) + (subject + verb)
Simple sentence Incomplete thought

I **did not see** Scott today, **because** **he** **was playing** tennis.