

Types of Sentences

Simple sentence

A simple sentence consists of just one clause (is a group of words that contains a subject and a predicate). A subject is the person or thing that the sentence is about. A predicate has a verb that states something about the subject. Examples are given below.

- The cow moos.
- The water boils.
- Bees live in hives.
- The girls are dancing.

In its simplest form, a simple sentence consists of a subject and a verb.

We can add more meaning to the sentence by including qualifiers, objects, complements etc.

- Sitting on a branch, the bird chirped.
- The little boy was carrying a bag of rocks in the basket.

Compound sentence

A compound sentence is made up of two or more independent clauses.

- The boys ran and the girls walked.

This compound sentence consists of two simple clauses connected by the coordinating conjunction **and**.

Another example is given below:

- Leaves may come **and** leaves may go, **but** the tree still stands.

This compound sentence consists of three independent clauses.

We make compound sentences by joining independent clauses with the help of coordinating conjunctions.

More examples of compound sentences are given below.

- You may watch a movie, **or** you can play a game.
- You should **either** read quietly **or** study your spelling.
- The baby could **neither** walk **nor** talk.
- She took the test two times, **but** she couldn't pass.
- He is rich, **yet** he is very cheap.
- She was sad, **still** she hid her disappointment.
- The boys **not only** won the relay race, **but also** broke the state record.

Cooordinating conjunctions

for

and

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