

SENTENCE TYPES

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1. SIMPLE SENTENCE : A simple sentence has ONE independent clause.

Examples : S V
Stan ate two grapes.

S S VP
Fred and Joan will be flying to Las Vegas next week to get

S V V
My dog, Juno, ran quickly through the house and knocked over two tables, three chairs, and a lamp.

2. COMPOUND SENTENCE : A compound sentence has at least TWO independent clauses connected by a comma and coordinating conjunction or by a semi-colon.

Examples : S S V S V
Bea and Ian are friends; they often see movies together.

S V CC S V
Steven likes the outdoors, but his wife prefers going to the opera.

S VP CC S VP
More people are buying hybrid cars, and they're helping the environment as well as their wallets.

3. COMPLEX SENTENCE : A complex sentence has ONE independent clause and at least ONE dependent clause.

Examples : DW S V S V
Because Nan worked on her sentence structure, she got a better grade on her last paper.

S V DW S V
Mario likes going to Mariner games, although he gets to go only a few times each season.

4. COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCE : This type has TWO independent clauses, a coordinating conjunction, and a dependent clause.

Examples : DW S V S V CC
When they won the lottery, they bought a ranch in Hawaii, and

S V
every winter they leave their Lake Washington home to spend their time in the warmth and beauty of the islands.