

Simple, Compound & Complex Sentences

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Colour Key: Verbs – yellow, Nouns - green, Coordinating conjunctions - purple, Subordinate conjunctions - blue

Simple Sentences

I love chocolate.

Contains a noun – chocolate, and a verb – love (simple sentences can also be called clauses)

Write two of your own simple sentences here:

Brooke wanted to go swimming

Strawberries are very healthy

Copy and paste a simple sentence from your report here:

Six months after they married, Germany had invaded France.

Compound Sentences

I love chocolate and I love eating chocolate.

She ran down the road but he chose to walk.

Both of these sentences, before and after the “and” make sense on their own. These are called independent clauses. Coordinating conjunctions join these two clauses together, these are words like: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so.

These are some simple sentences, with a subject and only one verb. (These can also be called a clause.) For each, add in one of the seven conjunctions to turn these into compound sentences.

1.	I like bananas.	I like bananas but apples are better	I don't like grapes. I don't like grapes but I like oranges
2.	Tom ran quickly.	Tom ran quickly but then he tripped	Zoe ran the race. Zoe ran the race and she won
3.	It was cold.	It was cold so I put a jersey on	I put on my coat. I put on my coat yet it was sunny
4.	We couldn't have a dog.	We couldn't have a dog but we could have a cat	My dad is allergic to fur. My dad is allergic to fur and so is my mum

Copy and paste at least two compound sentences from your report here:

Her parents are Charles Augustus and Ella Rosier Wake.

She told her husband that she went to go out shopping but once she went out that door she never

saw him again.

Complex Sentences

I love chocolate because it's delicious.

The first part of this sentence can make sense on its own because it is an independent clause. The second part cannot make sense on its own because it is a dependent clause. The "because" is called a subordinate conjunction and sticks these two parts together. If you see one you know it's a complex sentence.

Subordinate conjunctions are in complex sentences. They join together a simple sentence that makes sense on its own, with the second sentence that does not make sense on its own. The sentence that does not make sense on its own is called a subordinate clause.

These are subordinate conjunctions

after although as because before even if even though if in order that	once provided that rather than since so that than that though unless	until when whenever where whereas wherever whether while why
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The easy way to spot if a sentence is complex is to see if it has a subordinate conjunction.

Although I was scared, I crossed the bridge.

Although is a subordinate conjunction, meaning that this sentence is complex. "I crossed the bridge" makes sense on its own, "Although I was scared" does not make sense on its own.

Highlight the subordinate clauses in the following complex sentences blue.

1. When the bell rang, the children quickly lined up.
2. While the breeze blew, Michael flew his new kite.
3. After the wind stopped, snow started to fall.
4. Susan went outside in a t-shirt, although it was cold.
5. If we play our best, we will win the match.
6. Though he was tired, the runner sprinted over the line.
7. Liam put his hood up, because it was raining.

Write two of your own complex sentences here:

I like eating ice cream because it is good
I drank some water after my netball game
I ate fruit because I was hungry

Copy and paste a complex sentence from your report here:

She was code - named the "white mouse" because she was very hard to capture.

What next?

Take what you have learnt in this workshop and transfer it to your report writing. Focus of answering these two questions:

- What changes can you make to your report to include more complex sentences?
I can make sure that the sentence makes sense, and make it flow more with the story I'm sharing.
- How will the punctuation of those sentences change?
It can make it more tidy and make the text easier to read.