

# Grammar #3

## Types of Sentences

In the last module, you learned about how clauses work, and about how to connect them. Now, you are going to be looking at the different types of **full sentences**, which will help you better organize your paragraphs - which will ultimately help you be clearer in how you communicate with your reader.

### Types of Sentences

There are several major types of sentences that all work together to make effective paragraphs. Using only one type of sentence makes your writing sound dull - either because it's too simple or too long-winded.

A **simple sentence** is a sentence made up of only one independent clause (see Grammar #2).

- He drove to the store to get some cookies.
- That night, they watched the sun set for the last time.
- I understand that you prefer to eat burgers and fries.

A **compound sentence** is a sentence made up of two independent clauses. You connect these with a comma and a coordinating conjunction (see Grammar #2 - FANBOYS).

- He drove to the store to get some cookies, but he was unable to find any on the shelves.
- That night, they watched the sun set for the last time, and they were finally happy.
- I understand that you prefer to eat burgers and fries, yet you still somehow really enjoy salad.

A **complex sentence** is a sentence made up of a dependent clause and an independent clause. Remember to check comma rules with WABBITS (Grammar #2).

- Despite the terrible storm that raged overhead, he drove to the store to get some cookies.
- That night, they watched the sun set for the last time because they had no better date ideas.
- Though you were once a vegetarian, I understand that you prefer to eat burgers and fries.

A **compound-complex sentence** is a sentence made up of at least two independent clauses and at least one dependent clause.

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- That night, they watched the sun set for the last time because they had no better date ideas, and they were finally happy.
- Though you were once a vegetarian, I understand that you prefer to eat burgers and fries, yet you still somehow really enjoy salad.

## Practice #3

Please complete this in your English notebook / binder.

1. Write three different simple sentences.
2. For each of the simple sentences from #1, rewrite them so that they are compound sentences.
3. Write three totally new complex sentences.
4. Write three compound-complex sentences - for this question, you can combine answers from previous questions (like #2 and #3).

Important : please let Mr. Wasylyk know if you are struggling with any of these concepts ASAP!
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