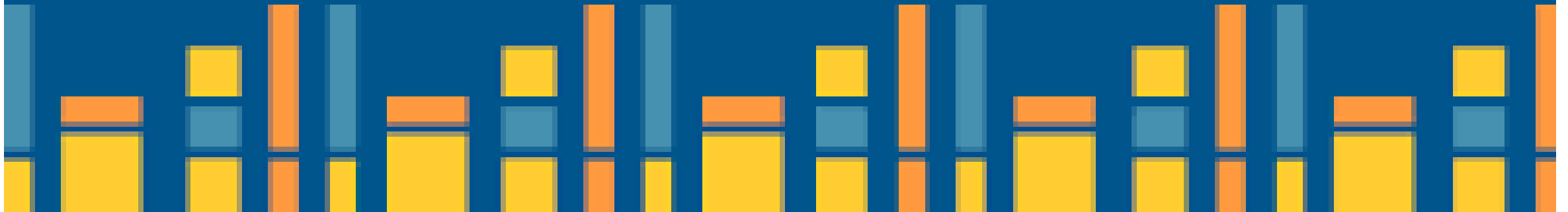


SIMPLE, COMPOUND AND COMPLEX SENTENCES

TYPES OF SENTENCES



Simple Sentence

- Contains a subject and a predicate
- Expresses a complete thought.

Examples:

The boys went to the park.

We like pizza.

Tip:

A simple sentence is also called an independent clause.

Compound Sentence

- Contains two or more independent clauses.
- Clauses are joined by a coordinating conjunction.

Examples:

The boys went to the park, but they did not go to the zoo.

We like pizza, and we like spaghetti.

Tip:

Look for these conjunctions: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet.*

Complex Sentence

- Contains an independent clause and a dependent clause.
- Dependent clause begins with a subordinating conjunction.

Examples:

Because the boys went to the park, they did not go to the zoo.

The boys did not go to the zoo because they went to the park.

Tip:

Look for these subordinating conjunctions: *after, before, because, although, when, since, if, whenever, unless, while, so that, even though, wherever.*

Sentence Structure Type	What It Contains	Example
Simple	1 Independent Clause	<i>I like grammar.</i>
Compound	1 Independent Clause + 1 or More Independent Clauses	<i>I like grammar because I find language interesting.</i>
Complex	1 Independent Clause + 1 or More Dependent Clauses	Because I like grammar, I have spent a lot of time studying sentence structure.
Compound-Complex	2 Independent Clauses + 1 or More Dependent Clauses	<i>I have never been a great student, but because I like grammar, I have spent a lot of time studying sentence structure.</i>

A compound sentence consists of two or more independent clauses.

A complex sentence consists of one main clause and one or more dependent clauses.

Examples:

Buy two shirts **and** get one free. (**Compound sentence**)

If you buy two shirts, you get one free. (**Complex sentence**)

Buy two shirts to get one free. (**Simple sentence**)

Transform the following compound sentences into complex sentences.

Exercise:

1. He tried his best, **but** he didn't succeed.
2. The clown entered the circus ring **and** the children started clapping.
3. Take care of the pence **and** the pounds will take care of themselves.
4. You have to hurry **or** you will miss the bus.
5. The battle has been won **but** the war isn't over yet.
6. The country has made huge progress, **but we still have a long way to go.**
7. You have to be 18 years old **or** you can't vote.
8. Leprosy is curable **and** everybody knows this.
9. He is a magician from Turkey **and** he has performed all over the world.

Answers:

1. Though he tried his best, he didn't succeed.
2. When the clown entered the circus ring, the children started clapping.
3. If you take care of the pence, the pounds will take care of themselves.
4. If you do not hurry you will miss the bus.
5. Though the battle has been won, the war isn't over yet.
6. Although the country has made huge progress, we still have a long way to go.
7. If you are under 18, you can't vote.
8. Everybody knows that leprosy is curable.
9. He is a magician from Turkey who has performed all over the world.

Simple, Compound & Complex Sentences



CHANGE SIMPLE SENTENCES INTO COMPOUND SENTENCES

Simple Sentences	Compound Sentences
It rained for three days. The streets in my neighborhood flooded.	It rained for three days so the streets in my neighborhood flooded.
Tom completed his homework. He put in his binder.	Tom completed his homework and put it in his binder.
Haris mowed the lawn. He earned a hundred dollars.	Haris mowed the lawn so he earned a hundred dollars.
Julie doesn't like seafood. She doesn't like cabbage.	Julie doesn't like seafood nor does she like cabbage.
My pencil was broken. I borrowed one from my friend.	My pencil was broke so I borrowed one from my friend.
Eight people got into the elevator. It was crowded. Three people got off.	Eight people got into the elevator so it was crowded, yet three people got off.
Sara gathered the pictures. She could arrange them in a special album for her family.	Sara gathered the pictures for she could arrange them in a special album for her family.

CHANGE SIMPLE SENTENCES INTO COMPLEX SENTENCES

Simple Sentences	Complex Sentences
I did not go to the meeting. I was sick.	I did not go to the meeting because I was sick.
You may be wrong. I cannot say.	Though you may be wrong, I cannot say.
He worked hard day and night. He did not wish to fail.	He worked hard day and night as he did not wish to fail.
The examination ended. The students went home.	The students went home when the examination ended.
Their progress was slow. They were tired.	Their progress was slow because they were tired.
You should overlook his fault. It would be an act of generosity on your part.	You should overlook his fault as it would be an act of generosity on your part.
We found him in the house. He had formerly lived on that house.	We found him in the house as he had formerly lived in that house.
The employee gave an explanation of his misconduct. The explanation was not accepted by his boss.	Although the employee gave an explanation of his misconduct, it was not accepted by his boss.