



# SENTENCE STRUCTURE

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**EVERY SENTENCE NEEDS  
A SUBJECT &  
PREDICATE**

**SENTENCE**

```
graph TD; A[SENTENCE] --> B[subject]; A --> C[predicate];
```

**subject**

**predicate**

# SUBJECT

The *subject* is the person, place, or thing that the sentence is about.

To find the subject, simply look for the *verb* and determine *who* or *what* is performing the verb.

ex. THE PRINCESS→



# SUBJECT

```
graph TD; A[SUBJECT] --- B[simple subject]; A --- C[subject modifier];
```

simple  
subject

subject  
modifier

# SIMPLE SUBJECT

The *simple subject* is the noun/pronoun or nouns/pronouns attached to the verb.

\_\_\_\_\_ trained her dragon.

THE PRINCESS →

SHE →

DAENERYS →





# SUBJECT MODIFIER

The part of the subject that describes the simple subject.

This may include adjectives and/or prepositional phrases.

It is *not* present in all sentences.



## SUBJECT MODIFIER

The powerful  
princess of the  
Targaryen dynasty  
trained her dragon.





SUBJECT MODIFIER

The powerful

princess of the

Targaryen dynasty

trained her dragon.

# WHAT IS THE VERB?

# SUBJECT MODIFIER

The powerful

princess of the

Targaryen dynasty

VERB

**trained** her dragon.



SUBJECT MODIFIER

The powerful  
princess of the  
Targaryen dynasty  
trained her dragon.

# WHO IS DOING THE VERB?

# SUBJECT MODIFIER

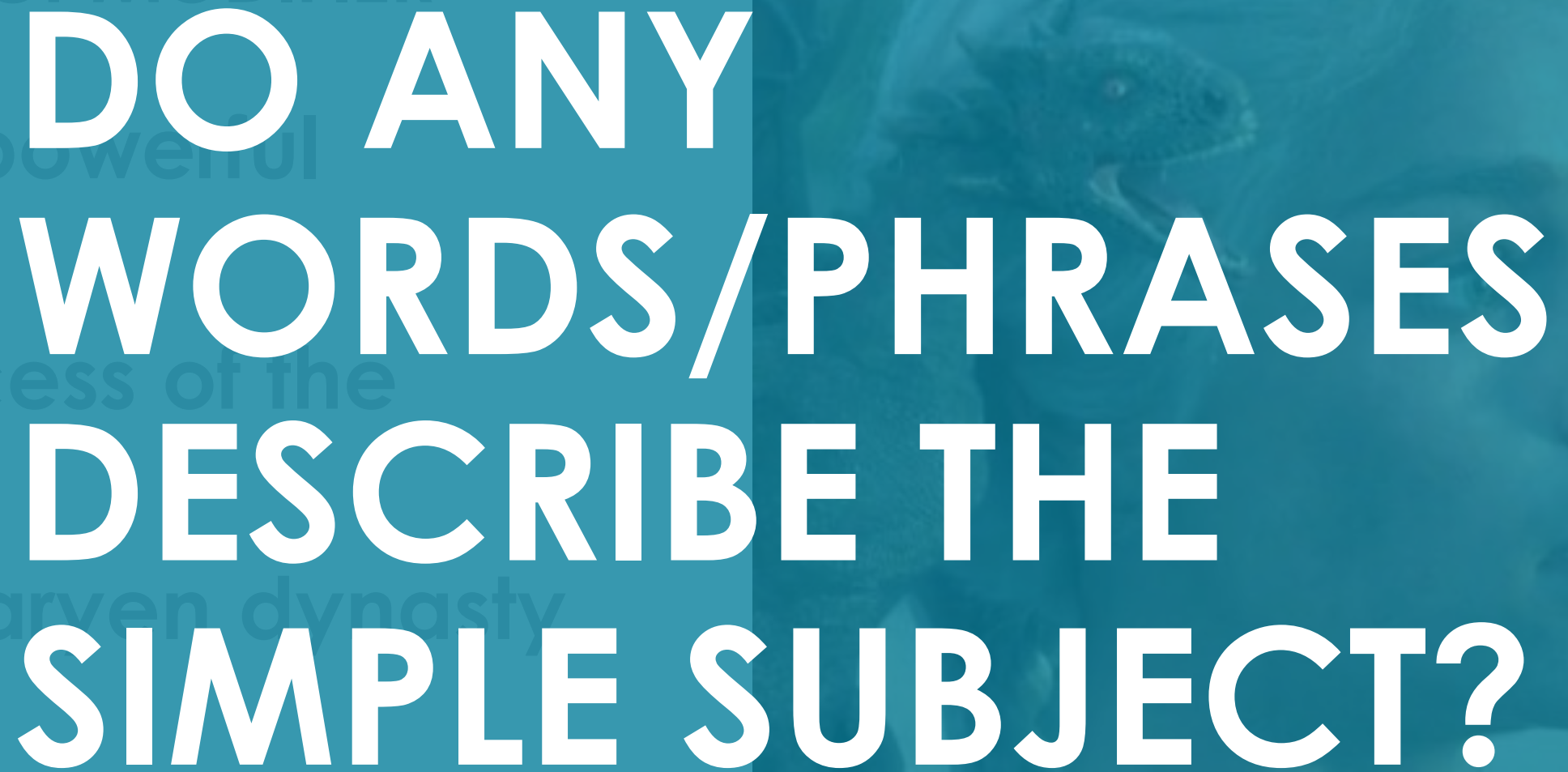
The powerful  
**SIMPLE SUBJECT**

↙  
**princess** of the

Targaryen dynasty  
trained her dragon.







**DO ANY  
WORDS/PHRASES  
DESCRIBE THE  
SIMPLE SUBJECT?**



# SUBJECT MODIFIER

The **powerful**  
princess of the  
Targaryen dynasty  
trained her dragon.



# SUBJECT MODIFIER

The powerful

princess **of** the

**PREPOSITION**

Targaryen dynasty

trained her dragon.



# SUBJECT MODIFIER

The powerful

princess **of the**

**PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE**

**Targaryen dynasty**

trained her dragon.





SUBJECT MODIFIER

The powerful

princess of the

Targaryen dynasty

trained her dragon.

PUT IT ALL  
TOGETHER!

## SUBJECT MODIFIER

The powerful  
princess of the  
Targaryen dynasty

↖ **SUBJECT**

trained her dragon.





# PREDICATE

The predicate contains a verb, and provides information about the subject.

THE PRINCESS TRAINED. →



# PREDICATE

```
graph TD; PREDICATE --> simple_predicate[simple predicate]; PREDICATE --> object; PREDICATE --> subject_complement[subject complement];
```

simple  
predicate

object

subject  
complement

# PREDICATE

A **simple predicate** is just the verb.

An **object** is a noun/pronoun or nouns/pronouns that the subject is acting upon/doing the verb to.



# SIMPLE PREDICATE

The powerful

princess of the

Targaryen dynasty

**VERB**

**trained.**



SIMPLE PREDICATE

The powerful

princess of the

Targaryen dynasty

Trained her dragon.

# TRAINED WHAT?



# OBJECT

The powerful  
princess of the

Targaryen dynasty

**VERB**  
**trained** **OBJECT**  
**her dragon.**



# SUBJECT COMPLEMENT

A **subject complement** provides information about the subject.

It usually follows a linking verb (*is, seems, appears, sounds, feels, looks, etc.*).



# SUBJECT COMPLEMENT

The powerful

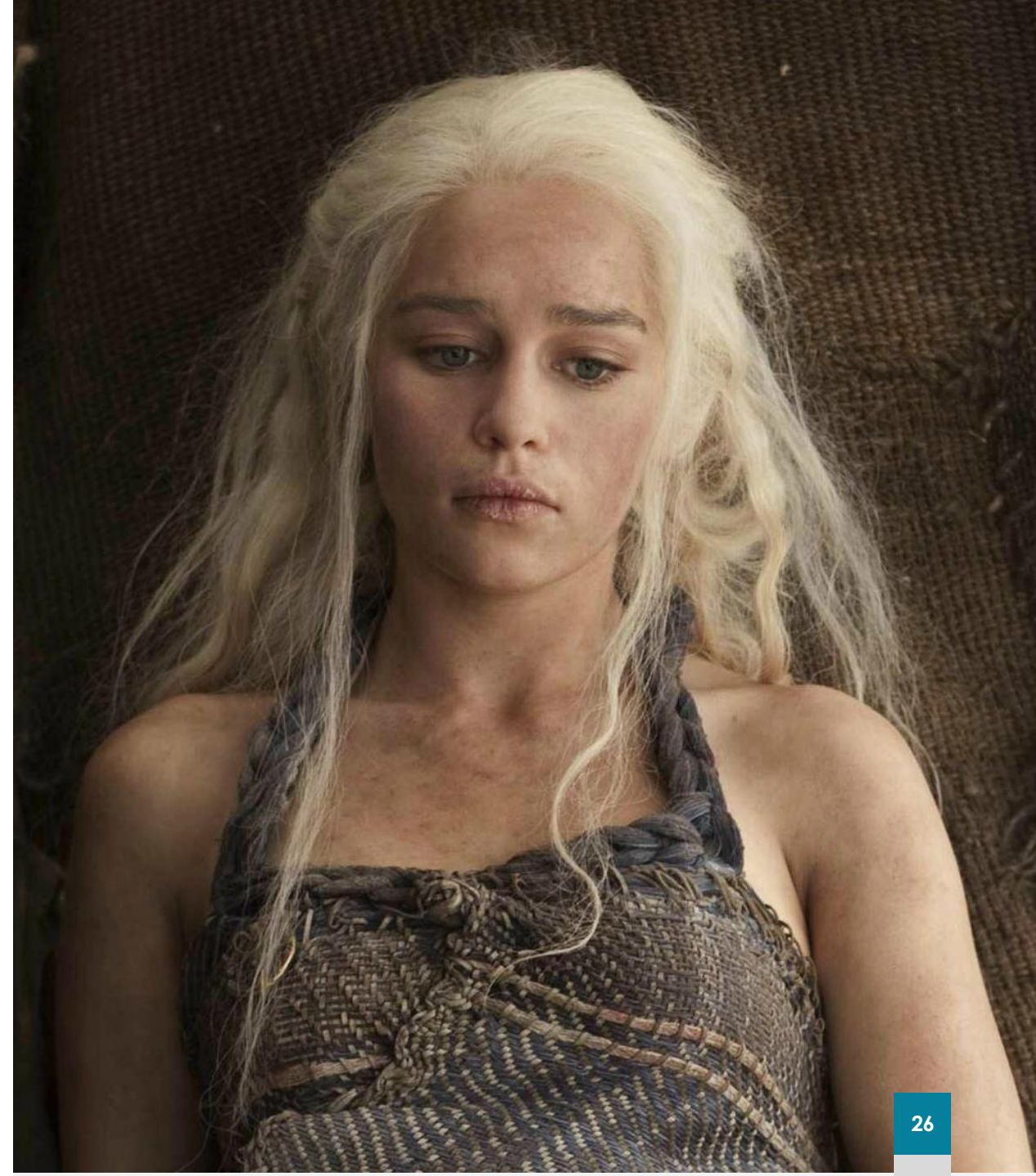
princess of the

Targaryen dynasty

**VERB**

**SUBJECT COMPLEMENT**

**is exhausted.**





# SUBJECT COMPLEMENT

The powerful

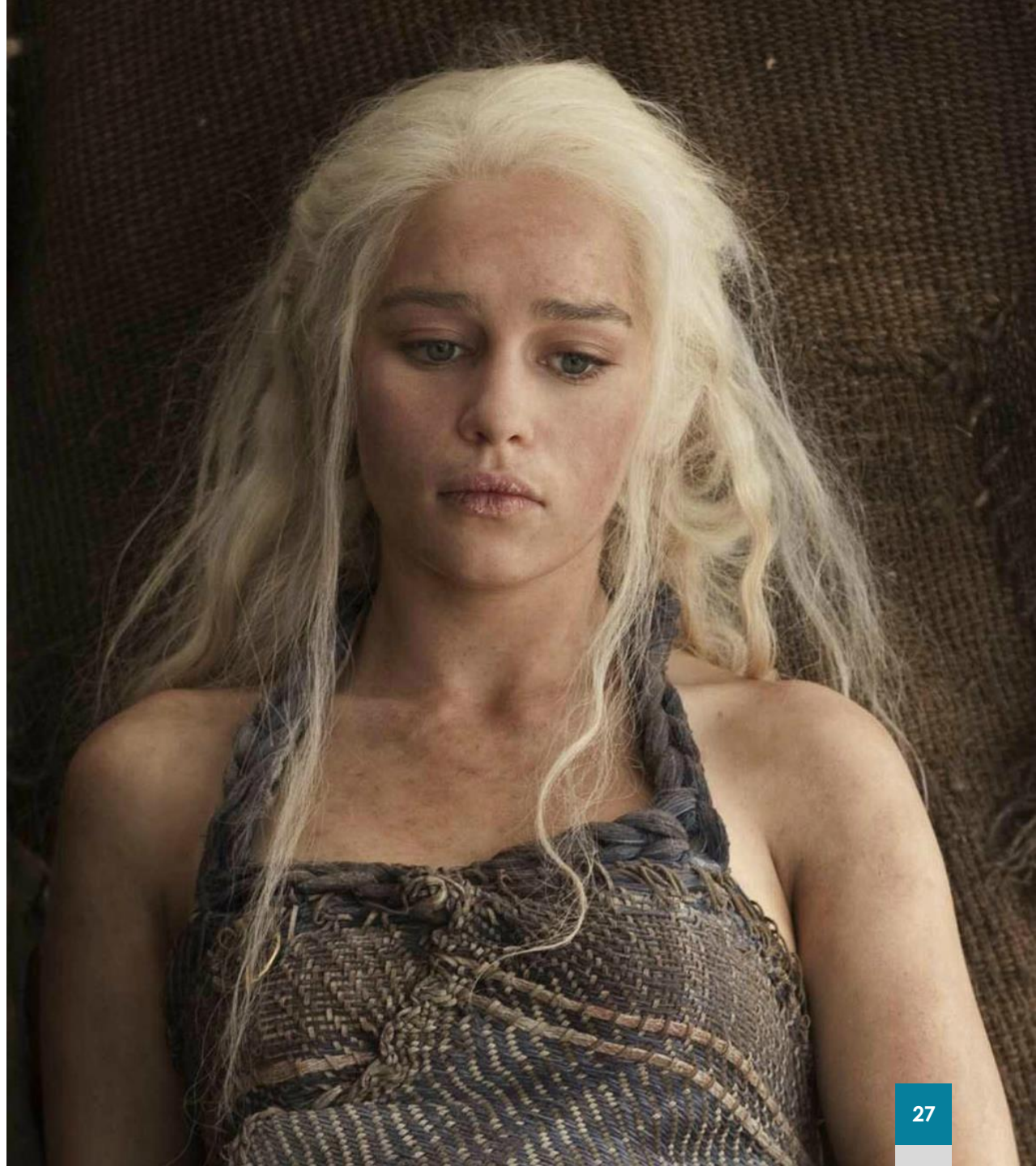
princess of the

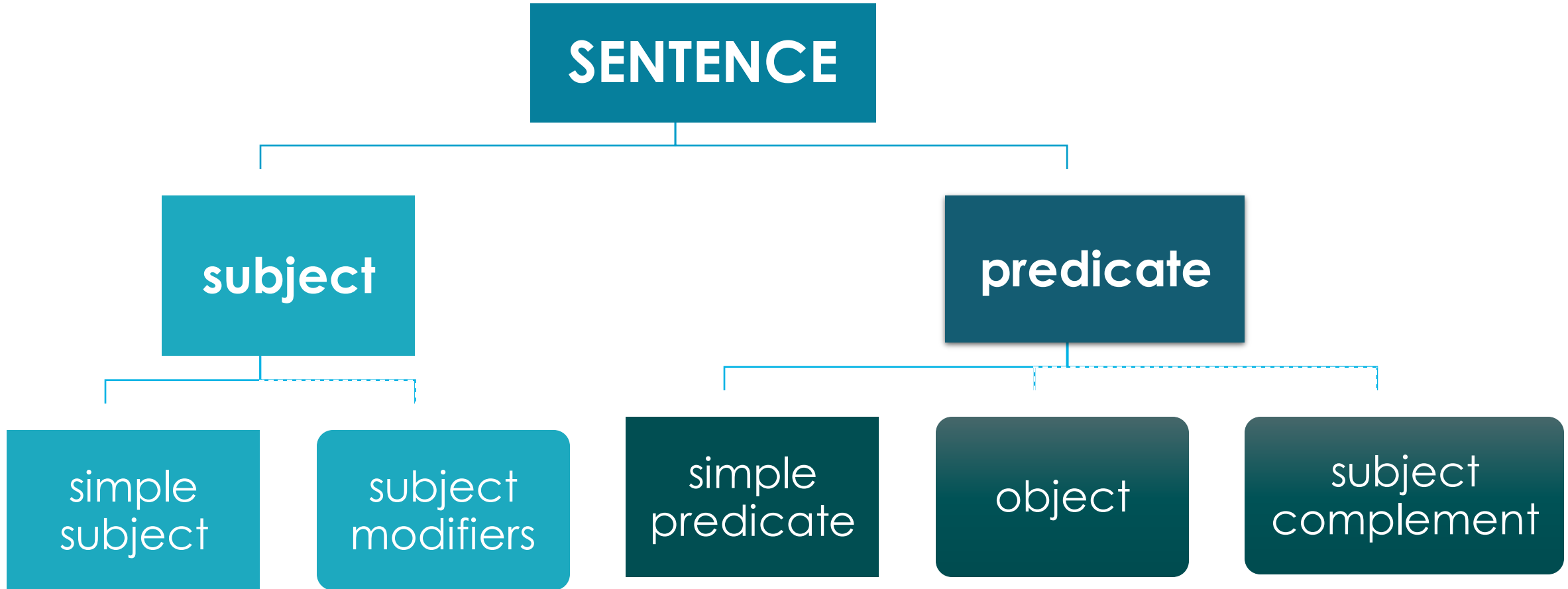
Targaryen dynasty

**VERB**

**SUBJECT COMPLEMENT**

**felt** **tired.**







# Kahoot!



**CONJUNCTIONS  
MAKE  
CONNECTIONS**

# CONJUNCTIONS

```
graph TD; A[CONJUNCTIONS] --> B[coordinating]; A --> C[subordinating]
```

coordinating

subordinating

# COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Give equal weight to ideas.

Are used to form *compound sentences* by combining *independent clauses*.

Are introduced with a **comma**.

**INDEPENDENT  
CLAUSES**  
each have a  
*subject* and a  
*predicate*.  
They can form  
*full sentences*  
on their own.



# INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

Salah scored his  
50<sup>th</sup> goal for his  
team.

The audience  
chanted his name.



# COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

**F:** *For (explains why)*

**A:** *And (addition)*

**N:** *Nor (excludes)*

**B:** *But (disagree/contrast)*

**O:** *Or (alternative)*

**Y:** *Yet (disagree/contrast)*

**S:** *So (consequence)*



# SENTENCE MATH

**INDEPENDENT CLAUSE**

**+ comma  
& coordinating  
conjunction**

**+ INDEPENDENT CLAUSE**

**= COMPOUND SENTENCE**

**Salah scored his 50<sup>th</sup>  
goal for his team**

**, so**

**the audience chanted  
his name.**

**= COMPOUND SENTENCE**



# COMPOUND SENTENCE

Salah scored his 50<sup>th</sup>  
**COORDINATING CONJUNCTION**  
goal for his team, **so**

the audience

chanted his name.





# COMPOUND SENTENCE

Salah scored his 50<sup>th</sup>  
**COORDINATING CONJUNCTION**  
goal for his team **, and**  
he celebrated.



# COMPOUND SENTENCE

Salah scored his 50<sup>th</sup>  
**COORDINATING CONJUNCTION**  
goal for his team **, but**  
he is aiming for 100.



# SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Give more weight to one idea.

Are used to form *complex sentences* by combining *independent* and *subordinate* clauses.

A SUBORDINATE  
CLAUSE  
*cannot*  
stand alone  
as a sentence  
and must be  
accompanied by  
an *independent*  
clause.

# SUBORDINATING 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



# SENTENCE MATH

**INDEPENDENT CLAUSE**  
**+ subordinating conjunction**  
**+ SUBORDINATE CLAUSE**  
**= COMPLEX SENTENCE**

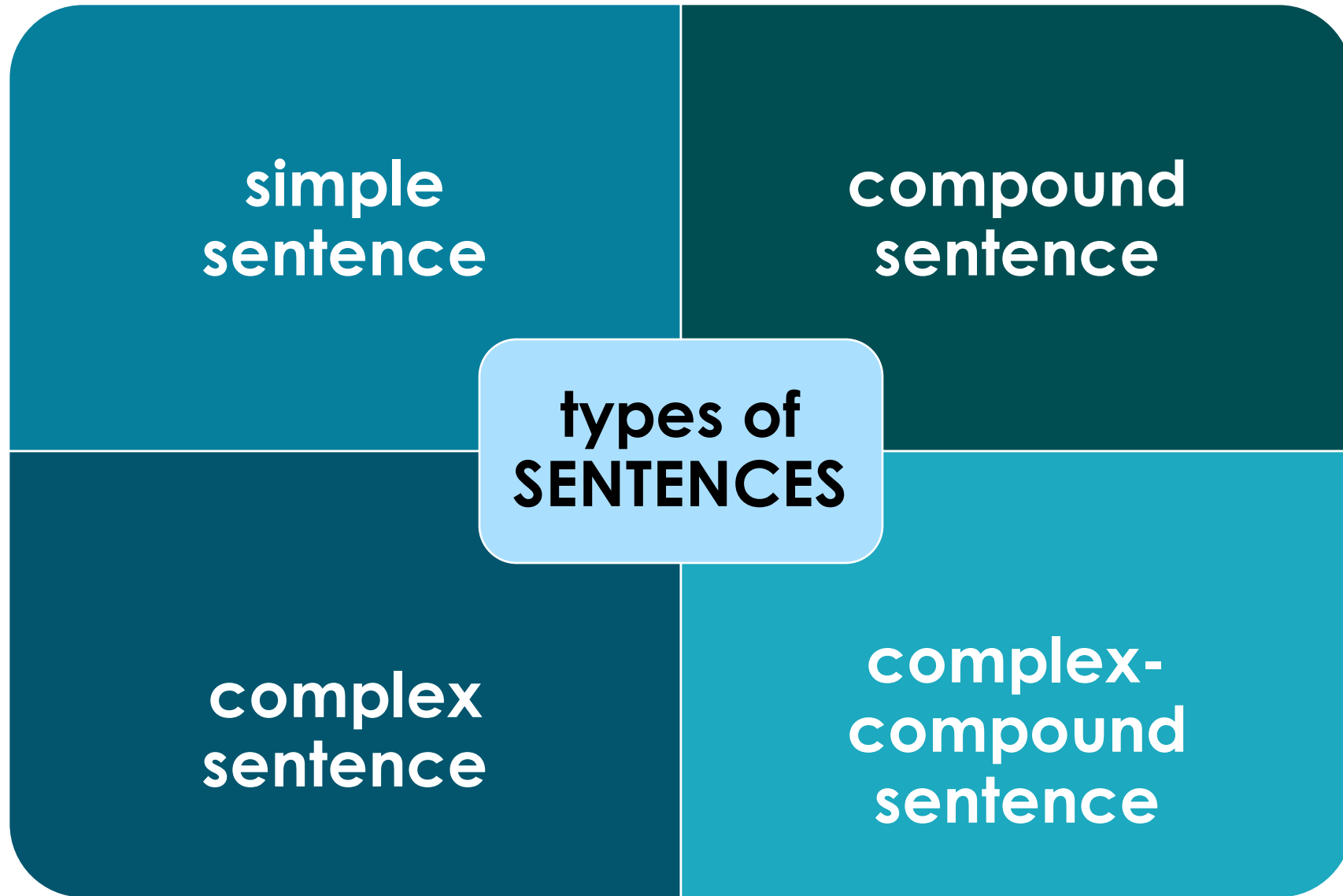
**Salah plays in England**  
**although**  
**he is from Egypt.**  
**= COMPLEX SENTENCE**

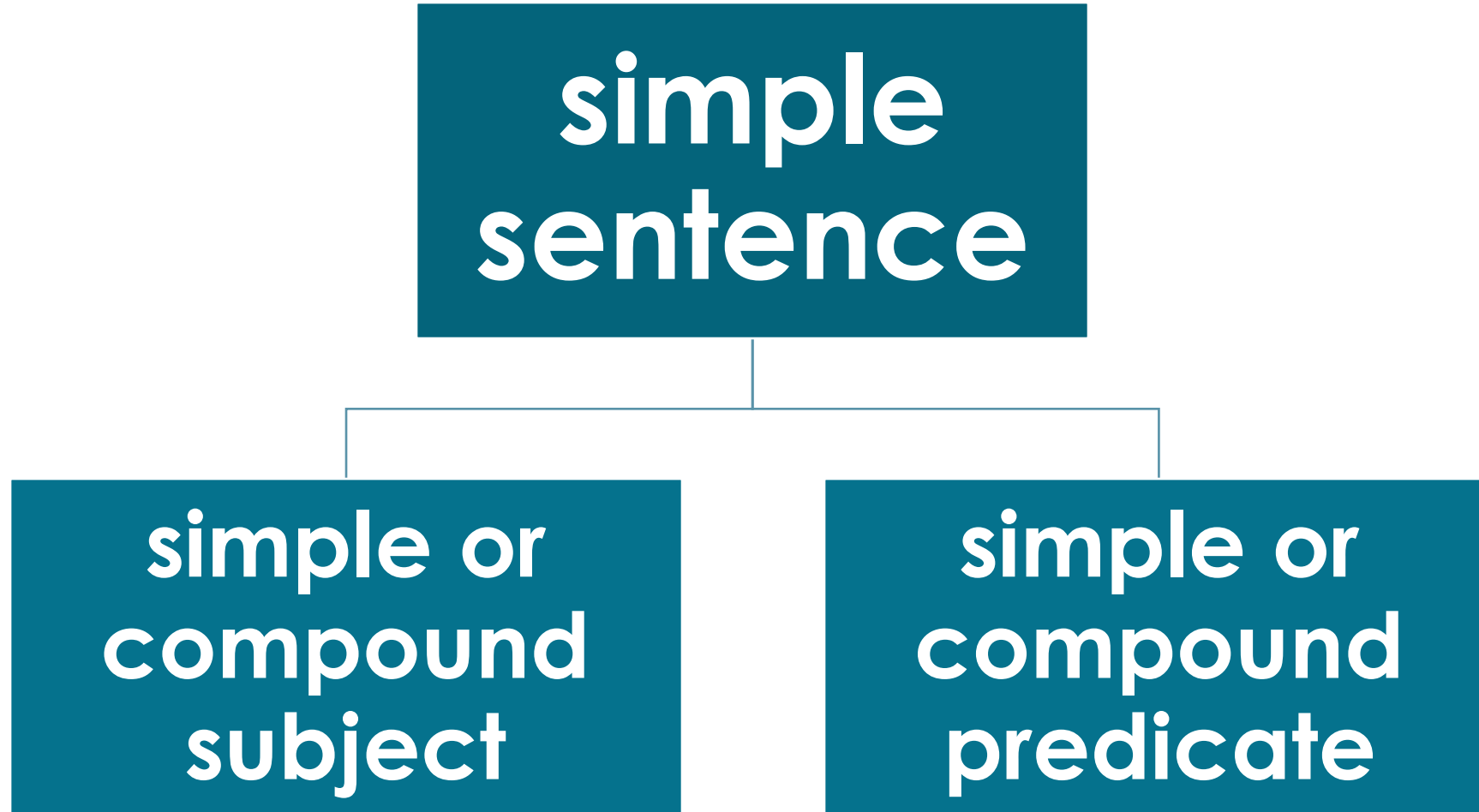
**Subordinating conjunction**  
**+ SUBORDINATE CLAUSE**  
**+ comma & INDEPENDENT**  
**CLAUSE**  
**= COMPLEX SENTENCE**

**Although**  
**he is from Egypt,**  
**Salah plays in England.**  
**= COMPLEX SENTENCE**

# Kahoot!







**Simple sentences consist of ONE independent clause and do not use coordinating or subordinating conjunctions.**



# **SIMPLE SUBJECT & SIMPLE PREDICATE**

**Serena Williams**

↑ **SIMPLE SUBJECT**

**gave birth to a  
baby girl.**

↑ **SIMPLE PREDICATE**



# COMPOUND SUBJECT & SIMPLE PREDICATE

Venus and  
Serena Williams

↑ COMPOUND SUBJECT

play tennis.

↑ SIMPLE PREDICATE



# **SIMPLE SUBJECT & COMPOUND PREDICATE**

**Serena Williams**

↑ **SIMPLE SUBJECT**

**plays tennis and  
designs clothes.**

↑ **COMPOUND  
PREDICATE**





# COMPOUND SUBJECT & COMPOUND PREDICATE

Venus and  
Serena Williams

↑ COMPOUND SUBJECT

won the French  
Open and the  
Australian Open.

↑ COMPOUND  
PREDICATE





# REMEMBER

Compound sentences contain two *independent clauses*.

These clauses are joined with a *coordinating conjunction* or a *semicolon*.

# COMPOUND SENTENCE

Lee prefers to watch soccer

,but

Amir thinks tennis is a more interesting sport.





# COMPOUND SENTENCE

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE #1

Lee prefers to watch soccer

,but

Amir thinks tennis is a more interesting sport.





# COMPOUND SENTENCE

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE #1

Lee prefers to watch soccer

,but

Amir thinks tennis is a more interesting sport.

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE #2





# COMPOUND SENTENCE

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE #1

Lee prefers to watch soccer

COORDINATING CONJUNCTION

,but

Amir thinks tennis is a more interesting sport.

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE #2



# REMEMBER

Complex sentences contain an *independent clause* and a *subordinate clause*.

These clauses are joined with a *subordinating conjunction*.

# COMPLEX SENTENCE

Lady Gaga is my  
favourite singer

because

she writes her  
own songs.





# COMPLEX SENTENCE

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE

Lady Gaga is my  
favourite singer

because

she writes her  
own songs.





# COMPLEX SENTENCE

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE

Lady Gaga is my  
favourite singer

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION

because

she writes her  
own songs.



# COMPLEX SENTENCE

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE

Lady Gaga is my  
favourite singer

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION

because

she writes her  
own songs.

SUBORDINATE CLAUSE



# COMPLEX SENTENCE

## SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION

**Because** she writes  
her own songs, COMMA

## SUBORDINATE CLAUSE

Lady Gaga is my  
favourite singer.

## INDEPENDENT CLAUSE



# COMPLEX-COMPOUND

sentences do exactly what their name suggests:

they combine

COMPLEX and COMPOUND sentences!



# COMPLEX SENTENCE

Although the flights  
were expensive,

SUBORDINATE CLAUSE

she flew to China.

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE



# COMPLEX SENTENCE

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION

↓  
**Although** the flights  
were expensive,

↑  
SUBORDINATE CLAUSE

she flew to China.

↑  
INDEPENDENT CLAUSE





# COMPLEX-COMPOUND SENTENCE

Although the flights  
were expensive,

SUBORDINATE CLAUSE

she flew to China, and

2 INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

she visited her sister.



# COMPLEX-COMPOUND SENTENCE

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION

↓  
**Although** the flights  
were expensive,

↑  
SUBORDINATE CLAUSE

COORDINATING  
CONJUNCTION

she flew to China, **and**

↑  
2 INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

↓  
she visited her sister.





# COMPLEX-COMPOUND SENTENCE

COMPLEX SENTENCE



Although the flights were expensive, she flew to China, and she visited her sister.

COMPOUND SENTENCE



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# QUESTIONS?

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