

Sentences: Simple, Compound, And Complex

Clause

A clause is a group of words which contains a subject and a predicate.

Clause= Subject + predicate (verb)

Two types of clauses:

Independent clause

Example: They rested.

Dependent clause

Example: They rested at sunset.

Simple Sentence

A simple sentence has one independent clause.

Example:

- I bought my friends some candy.
- 1. John reads novels.
- 2. John reads newspapers.
- 3. John reads novels and newspapers. (compound object)
- 4. John reads and enjoys novels. (compound verb)
- 5. John and Jerry read novels. (compound subject)
- 6. John and Jerry reads and enjoys novels and newspapers. (compound subject, verb, object)
- Mary and Samantha arrived early but waited until noon for the bus.

"Mary and Samantha" = compound subject, "arrived" and "waited" = compound verb

Compound Sentence

A compound sentence refers to a sentence made up of two independent clauses (or complete sentences) connected to one another with a coordinating conjunction.

Example:

- The moon was bright and we could see our ways.
- I looked for Mary and Samantha at the bus station, but they arrived at the station before noon and left on the bus before I arrived.
- I will accept your offer or decline it; these are the two options.
- I arrived at the office at 9, and my assistant came 10 minutes later, but she was sick so I told her to go home.

Complex Sentence

A Complex Sentence has one dependent clause (headed by a subordinating conjunction or a relative pronoun) joined to an independent clause.

Example:

- They rested when evening came.
- As the boxers advanced into the ring, the people said they would not allow them to fight.

The people said. (Independent clause)

As the boxers advanced into the ring (Dependent Adverb clause)

they would not allow them to fight. (Dependent Noun clause)

- I did not see them at the station because Mary and Samantha arrived at the bus station before noon.

Or

- Because Mary and Samantha arrived at the bus station before noon, I did not see them at the station.

State which of the following sentences are simple, compound and complex. In the case of a compound sentence, separate the coordinate clauses and mention the conjunction. If the sentence is complex, divide it into its clauses and state the independent clause and the dependent clause.

1. Donald took out his pen and started writing.
2. The town in which I live is very large.
3. This is the house that Jack built.
4. The Commons passed the bill, but the Lords threw it out.
5. My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky.
6. God made the country and man made the town.
7. She must weep or she will die.
8. He must have done his duty, for he is a conscientious man.

9. Where ignorance is bliss, it is folly to be wise.
10. I went because I was invited.
11. The horse reared and the rider was thrown.
12. Walk quickly, else you will not overtake him.
13. The artist hoped that all the paintings would be sold.
14. I called him, but he gave me no answer.
15. I agree to your proposals, for I think them reasonable.
16. I went because I was invited.
17. Either he is drowned or some passing ship has saved him.
18. I returned home because I was tired.

19. They always talk who never think.

20. He came often than we expected.

21. Alice and James went to the park in the evening.

22. Raju liked the watch which his aunt presented to him.

23. The house was so beautiful that he decided to buy it.

24. You can leave or stay.

25. The artist hoped that all the paintings would be sold.

Thank you