

Різноманітні вправи для освоєння компонентів письмового мовлення в застосуванні до текстів різних жанрів.

### **Types of sentences**

#### **1. Simple sentence:**

contains only one piece of information

... e.g. *The cat sat on the mat.*

**Top tip:** these can be very dramatic and build suspense. **Fragments** or **minor sentences** can also be used for this purpose, e.g. Stop!

#### **2. Compound sentences:**

contain more than one piece of information. The words '**and**', '**but**' and '**or**' are used to join two simple sentences together.

e.g. *The cat sat on the mat **and** licked his paw.*

#### **3. Complex sentences:**

also contain more than one piece of information. They are made up of several parts or **clauses**. At least one of these will be a **main clause**, which contains the main information of the sentence. There will also be one or more **subordinate clauses** which give extra information about what is happening. The subordinate clause cannot make sense on its own. There are numerous ways of making complex sentences - some are listed below:

a. An embedded subordinate clause:

e.g. *The cat, **who was eyeing my goldfish hungrily**, needed lots of food.*

b. Beginning with a subordinate clause:

e.g. ***Eyeing my goldfish hungrily**, the cat paced back and forth beside the fish bowl.*

c. Surrounding the main clause with subordinate clauses:

e.g. ***Even though he had just eaten half a tin of cat food**, Felix paced back and forth beside the fish bowl, **eyeing my goldfish hungrily***

Can you create your own examples of simple, compound and complex sentences?