

# English Writing



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## **TYPES OF SENTENCES**

# Clauses



- What is a clause?
  - ✦ A group of words that contain a subject and a verb.
  - ✦ Clause, or not a clause?
    - ecology is a science
    - to protect the environment
    - because pollution causes cancer
    - after working all day

# Independent Clauses



- An independent clause can stand alone as a sentence.
  - ✦ An independent clause is formed with a subject, a verb and often a complement.
    - The sun rose. (Subject + Verb)
    - Water evaporates rapidly in warm climate zones. (Subject + Verb + Complement)

# Complement



- A word or a phrase that completes the meaning of a sentence
  - ✦ A subjective complement explains the state of the sentence subject.
    - Mr. Kim is **a sales representative**.
    - Katy looked **happy**.
  - ✦ An object complement explains the state of the object.
    - They elected Mr. Kim **chairperson**.
    - The encore performance made the crowd **wild with excitement**.
  - ✦ Some grammar guides consider sentence object as part of the complement.

# Dependent Clauses



- A dependent clause begins with a subordinator such as when, while, if, that, or who.
  - ✦ A dependent clause is not a sentence by itself.
  - ✦ It is also called a sentence fragment, especially when it is mistakenly used as a sentence.
    - ... when the sun rose ...
    - ... because water evaporates rapidly in warm climate zones ...

# Kinds of Sentences



- A sentence expresses a complete thought.
  - ✦ A sentence is formed from one or more clauses.
  - ✦ There are four basic kinds of sentences in English.
    - Simple sentence (one independent clause)
    - Compound sentence (two or more independent clauses)
    - Complex sentence (one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses)
    - Compound-complex sentences (two or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses)

# Simple Sentences



- A simple sentence is one independent clause.
  - ✦ Freshwater boils at 100 degrees Celsius at sea level.
  - ✦ Freshwater boils at 100 degrees and freezes at 0 degrees Celsius.
    - The sentence has a compound verb (two verbs for a subject).
  - ✦ Freshwater and salt water do not boil and do not freeze at the same temperatures.
    - The sentence has both a compound subject and a compound verb. It is still a simple sentence as it has only one clause.



# Compound Sentences



- A compound sentence is two or more independent clauses joined together.
  - ✦ There are three ways to join the clauses:
    - With a coordinator
      - Salt water boils at a higher temperature than freshwater, **so** food cooks faster in salt water.
    - With a conjunctive adverb
      - Salt water boils at a higher temperature than freshwater; **therefore**, food cooks faster in salt water.
    - With a semicolon
      - Salt water boils at a higher temperature than freshwater; food cooks faster in salt water.

# Compound Sentences



## ○ Coordinators

- ✦ Also called coordinating conjunctions
- ✦ FAN BOYS
  - For – To add a reason
  - And – To add a similar, equal idea
  - Nor – To add a negative, equal idea
  - But – To add an opposite idea
  - Or – To add an alternative possibility
  - Yet – To add an unexpected or surprising continuation
  - So – To add an expected result
- ✦ Use a comma after the first independent clause.