Sentences

Compound Sentences

A compound sentence contains two or more independent clauses

joined by a coordinating conjunction (e.g. and, but, or, for, yet, nor, so).

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

We were tired, so we went to bed.

Simple Sentences

A simple sentence is also called an independent clause.

It contains a subject and a verb and expresses a complete thought.

Scott plays tennis in the morning.

Jesus wept.

Complex Sentences

A complex sentence contains an independent clause

AND a dependent clause (an incomplete thought).

The dependent clause begins with a subordinating conjunction

(e.g. because, after, before, although, since, when).

Because he didn’t study, he failed the exam.

All the students passed the exam even though it was quite difficult.