Help Centres - English Support



Sentence Types

- Simple Sentence: A simple sentence has one independent clause that
 expresses a complete thought. It must contain at least one subject and one verb
 - 1. Sam loves swimming.
- 2. She doesn't like to swim in the ocean.

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- 2. Compound Sentence: A compound sentence has two or more independent clauses that can be joined by a coordinating *conjunction*, *conjunctive adverb*, or a *semicolon*.
 - 1. <u>Sam loves swimming</u>, **but** <u>she doesn't like to swim in the ocean</u>. **Ind. clause** (Conj.) Ind. clause
 - 2. Sam loves swimming; however, she doesn't like to swim in the ocean.
 Ind. clause (Conj. Adv.) Ind. clause
 - 3. <u>Sam loves swimming; she doesn't like to swim in the ocean.</u>

 Ind. clause (Semicolon) Ind. clause

Coordinating Conjunctions (FANBOYS): Addition: and; Result: so; Choice: or; Contrast: but, yet; Reason: for; Join Negative Ideas: nor

Common Conjunctive Adverbs:

Addition: again, as well, also, in addition, furthermore, moreover, besides

Result: therefore, consequently, as a consequence, thus, as a result, in conclusion

Contrast: however, nevertheless, on the other hand, on the contrary

Comparison: similarly, like

Example: for example, for instance

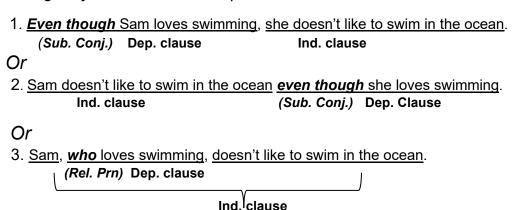
Summary: in summary, briefly, in brief

Emphasis: in fact, indeed, especially

<u>Time:</u> first, second, now, later, next, then, last, finally, next week, tomorrow, soon,

meanwhile, at the same time, suddenly

3.	Complex Sentence: A complex sentence has one independent clause and
	one or more dependent clauses. The dependent clause will have a
	subordinating conjunction or a relative pronoun attached to it.



Common Subordinating Conjunctions:

Cause: as, because, since

Contrast: although, even though, though, despite, in spite of

<u>Time:</u> when, whenever, before, after, since, as soon as, as long as, until, during, while

Place: where, wherever

Condition: if, unless, when, as if, whether, in case, so long as

Relative Pronouns: <u>For People:</u> who, whose, whom; <u>For things:</u> that, which

4. Compound-Complex Sentence: A compound-complex sentence must have **two or more independent clauses**, and **one or more dependent clauses**.

(Sub. Conj) Dep. clause Ind. clause

1. <u>Even though Sam loves swimming</u>, she doesn't like to swim in the ocean, but she came to Willow's beach anyways.

(conj.) Ind. Clause Ind. Clause

(Rel. Prn) Dep. Clause

2. <u>Sam, who loves swimming</u>, <u>doesn't like to swim in the ocean</u>, so <u>she didn't join us at Willow's beach today.</u>

(conj.)

Ind. Clause

Sentence Challenge

Bring your completed sentences for each sentence type to an instructional assistant in the ELD Help Centre, CBA 160, for feedback. Complete 5 or more sentences of one type before moving to the next type. In other words, you will complete at least 5 **simple** sentences before attempting the **compound** sentences.

		Tutor's initials	Student's initials
1.	5 simple sentences		
	 Include a variety of tenses (past, present perfect, future, etc.). 2 sentences should have a single subject and single verb. 2 sentences should have a single subject and double verb. 1 sentence should have double subject and double verb. 		
Po	ssible topic: Studying at Camosun College, your life in Victoria – or you	ır own top	nic
2.	5 compound sentences		
Po	 Include a variety of phrases and tenses. Use at least four different coordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS) ssible topic: Your family, or your early school experiences – or your own 	ın topic	
3.	5 complex sentences		
	 Include a variety of phrases and tenses. 3 sentences should use adverb clauses, starting with subordinating conjunctions (<i>since</i>, <i>because</i>, <i>when</i>, etc.) 2 sentences should use relative clauses (<i>who</i>, <i>which</i>, <i>that</i>, etc.) 		
Po top	ssible topic: Places where you have lived, or your goals (past or future, pic) – or you	r own
4.	5 compound-complex sentences		
	 Include a variety of phrases and tenses. 		
	 Include a variety of conjunctions and adverbs to join the clauses. 		

Possible topic: Your hobbies and interests, or challenges you have faced – or your own topic