ENGLISH SENTENCE
- FOUR SENTENCE
STRUCTURES

English Sentence Structure

Noun

Adverb

Verb

Adjective

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# **English Sentence - Four Sentence Structures**

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Independent Clause vs Dependent Clause

<u>Independent clause</u> has a subject + verb AND expresses a complete thought.

<u>Dependent clause</u> can have a subject and a verb, but it does NOT express a clear thought.

The cat is home. - Independent

When the cat is home - Dependent

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## **English Sentence - Four Sentence Structures**

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Sentence Type 1

Simple Sentence -

Independent Clause

The most simple type of sentence is just a single independent clause.

I like apples.

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Sentence Type 2

Compound Sentence -

Independent Clause + (,) Coordinating Conjunction + Independent Clause

Coordinating Conjunctions: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so (FANBOYS)

I like apples, but John likes pears.

I like apples; John likes pears.

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Sentence Type 3

#### Complex Sentence -

Independent Clause + (Subordinating Conjunction + Dependent Clause)

(Subordinating Conjunction + Dependent Clause)(,) + Independent Clause

After, although, as, as if, as long as, as much as, as soon as, as though, because, before, by the time, even if, even though, if, in order that, in case, in the event that, lest, now that, once, only, only if, provided that, since, so, supposing, that, than, though, till, unless, until, when, whenever, where, whereas, wherever, whether or not, while

I like apples although John likes pears.

Although John likes pears, I like apples.



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Sentence Type 4

#### Compound-Complex Sentence -

Independent Clause + (Subordinating Conjunction + Dependent Clause) + (.) Coordinating Conjunction + Independent Clause
(Subordinating Conjunction + Dependent Clause) (.) + Independent Clause + (.) Coordinating Conjunction + Independent Clause
Independent Clause + (.) Coordinating Conjunction + Dependent Clause)

I like apples although John likes pears, but we are still friends.

Although John likes pears, I like apples, but we are still friends

We are still friends, but I like apples while john likes pears.



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