

SIMPLE COMPLEX COMPOUND SENTENCES

PART - II ENGLISH

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SIMPLE SENTENCES

- ◉ A simple sentence has only the most elemental building blocks of a sentence:
a **subject** and a **verb** used in a complete thought, also called an **independent clause**
- ◉ Simple sentences are usually short
- ◉ You may use compound subjects and verbs to add length, but for the most part, using too many simple sentences makes your writing choppy

EXAMPLES

- Kristina drank her morning coffee

(**Kristina** = subject, **drank** = verb)

- Kristina showered and dressed

(**Kristina** = subject, **showered and dressed** = compound verbs)

COMPOUND SENTENCES

- ◉ Compound sentences marry **two independent clauses** together with a conjunction

EXAMPLES

- ◉ Kristina drank her morning coffee, and then she showered and dressed
- ◉ Notice the first part of the sentence and the last part can stand alone as independent sentences
- ◉ The key is to not use too many compound sentences together or your writing will sound stilted

COMPLEX SENTENCES

- ◉ A complex sentence **uses an independent clause combined with one or more dependent clauses**
- ◉ A dependent clause is similar to an independent clause, but it can't stand on its own as a complete sentence
- ◉ Complex sentences use conjunctions to tie them together, too

EXAMPLES

- ◉ Because she woke up late when her alarm malfunctioned, Kristina missed her morning train.
- ◉ As Kristina watched the train pull out of the station, she realized she would be late for work yet again.

- ◉ The dependent clauses can also fall at the end of an independent clause as in these examples:
- ◉ Kristina missed her morning train because she woke up late when her alarm malfunctioned.
- ◉ Kristina realized she would be late for work yet again as she watched the train pull out of the station.

- ◉ Here's a complex sentence with two compound independent clauses and one dependent clause:

Kristina missed her morning train, and as she watched it pull out of the station, she realized she would be late for work yet again.