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# UHE 3092 ENGLISH MECHANICS SENTENCE PATTERNS

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# Simple Sentence

Simple sentence consists of a subject (S) and a verb (V).

There are many types of simple sentence patterns. Below are the **FOUR** most common patterns.

| Pattern   | Example   |
|---|---|
| <b>Subject – Verb (S – V)</b>   | The <u>children</u> <u>laughed</u> .<br>S            V  |
| <b>Subject – Verb - Object (S – V - O)</b>  | My <u>father</u> <u>bought</u> a <u>car</u> .<br>S        V        O  |
| <b>Subject – Verb - Complement (S – V - C)</b><br><i>(The complement comes after verb to be)</i>                                  | The <u>people</u> <u>were</u> <u>happy</u> at the party.<br>S        V            C                             |
| <b>Subject – Verb- Expansion (S – V - E)</b><br><i>(The Expansion usually gives information on when, what, how, for how long)</i> | The <u>boy</u> <u>fell</u> <u>from the ladder</u> <u>yesterday</u> .<br>S        V                            E |

# Compound Sentence

Compound sentence is a combination of two or more simple sentences.

It is formed by:

- a) using coordinating conjunctions (and, but, nor, so, yet, etc)
- b) using adverbial conjunction/conjunctive adverb (meanwhile, however, therefore etc)
- c) using semicolon (;)

Example:

The students can borrow the books from the library. *(Idea 1)*

They can also buy the books. *(Idea 2)*



*Linking the 2 ideas*

**The students can borrow the books from the library **or** they can buy them.**



## More Examples:

- My children were sleeping, **so** I baked a chocolate cake.
- I like chocolate ice cream, **but** my friend likes strawberry.
- Amy is baking a cake; **meanwhile**, her sister is decorating the cookies.

# COMPLEX SENTENCES

Complex sentence includes at least one independent clause and one dependent clause.

An **independent clause** is a sentence that contains a subject and verb and can stand alone. It expresses a complete thought.

A **dependent clause** cannot be a complete sentence. It is often signaled by a dependent marker word.

Eg: after, although, as, as if, as long as, as though, because, before, even if, even though, if, if only, in order that,

*Example:*

There are so many people at the Financial Management conference *who are waiting for Prof Jay's speech on managing money.*

**Independent clause:** There are so many people at the Financial Management conference

**Dependent clause :** *who are waiting for Prof Jay's speech on managing money.*



# More examples

- Ramli exercises for twenty minutes everyday, before he goes to work.
- While the patient was eating breakfast, he began to feel sick.
- Although I practiced driving for two months, I failed the driving test.



# Compound-Complex Sentence

Compound-complex sentence consists of **TWO** independent clauses that joined by conjunction, and a dependent clause. We can say that compound-complex is made up of a compound sentence and a dependent clause.

*Example:*

**Independent clause:** I would have bought the cake

**Dependent clause :**that you really like

**Independent clause:** it was sold out

**I would have bought the cake, but it was sold out.**





# Summary

## SIMPLE SENTENCE

- consists of a subject (S) and a verb (V).

*Eg: The cat sat on the mat.*

## COMPOUND SENTENCE

- a combination of two or more simple sentences.

It is formed by using conjunction, conjunctive adverb or a semicolon (;).

*Eg: I like chocolate ice cream, but my friend likes strawberry.*

## COMPLEX SENTENCE

- consists of at least one independent clause and one subordinate clause

*Eg: If you are interested in becoming an engineer, you must get used in applying formula and solving problems.*

## COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCE

- consists of at least one compound sentence and one complex sentence.

*Eg: I would have bought the cake, but it was sold out.*