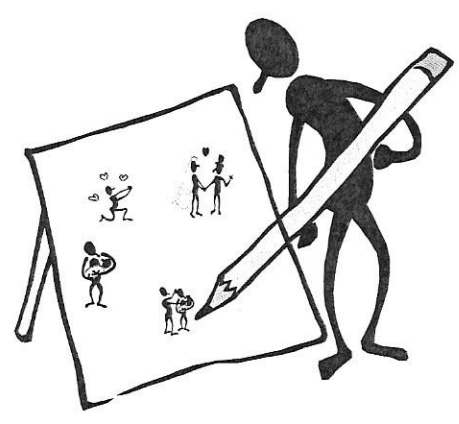


Writing Complex Sentences



#1: Simple Sentence

- A **simple sentence** has one subject and one verb
 - I like to study grammar.
- A simple sentence is also called an **independent clause**.
- An **independent clause** ends with a period or semicolon.

simple sentence



One
subject

I love you.

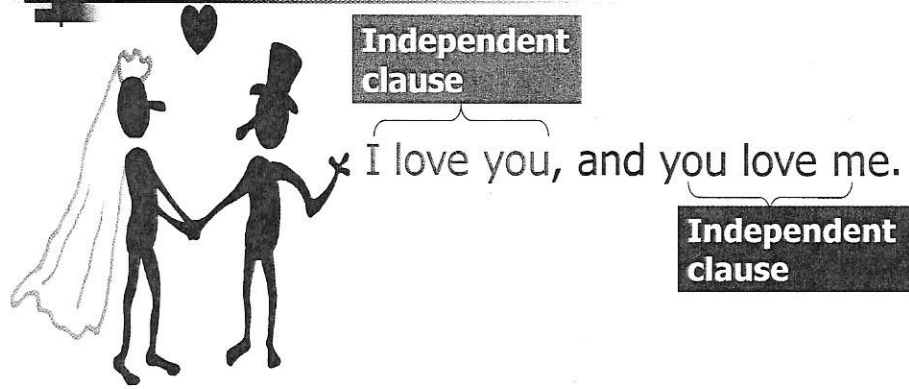
One
verb

Independent clause: only one subject and one verb

#2: Compound Sentence

- A compound sentence is made up of two or more simple sentences joined by one of the following:
 - A comma and one of the FANBOYS
 - I like to study grammar, **and** I love this class.
 - A semicolon
 - I like to study grammar; I love this class.
 - A semicolon and a transitional
 - I like to study grammar; **therefore**, I love this class.

Compound sentence



Two independent clauses joined together

#3: Complex Sentence

- A complex sentence is a simple sentence (*independent clause*) to which a part of a sentence (*dependent clause*) has been added.
 - **Because I like to study grammar, I love this class.**
 - I love this class **because I like to study grammar.**

Complex sentence



Dependent clause

Because you love me, I love you.

Independent clause

A dependent clause joined to an independent clause.
(The dependent clause needs the rest of the sentence for support.)

Dependent clause



Fragment!

Because you love me.

A **dependent clause** contains a subject and verb. It begins with a subordinating conjunction, and thus it does not express a completed thought. A dependent clause is also called a *subordinate* clause.

Dependent clauses, like babies, cannot stand alone.

Words to use to start a dependent clause

Common Subordinating (Dependent) Conjunctions

after	even if	now that	that	where
although	even though	once	though	whereas
as	if	rather than	unless	wherever
as if	whenever	since	until	whether
because	in order	so that	when	which
before	that	than	in case	while

#4: Compound/Complex Sentence

- A compound/complex sentence is the last and most complicated type of sentence.
- It contains at least one dependent clause and at least two independent clauses.

Compound complex sentence







Dependent clause

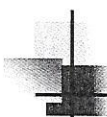
Because we are a family, I
love you, and you love me.

2 independent clauses

A dependent clause added to two or more independent clauses

Since every sentence in English fits into one of these four categories,

Simple 	Compound 
Complex 	Compound/ complex 



YOU NOW KNOW EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO KNOW

- To write anything you want to write
- Any way you want to write it
- And still get the punctuation right each time!

CONGRATULATIONS!

