

Sentence Structure

Sentences are words grouped meaningfully together to express a statement, questions, exclamation request etc. They start with a capital letter, one or more clauses followed by a full stop (./!/?).

Clauses can be dependent or independent.

Independent clauses demonstrate a complete thought. For example: I am sad. The sentence has a subject (I) and a predicate which is what modifies the subject.

Dependent or subordinate clause is not a complete thought and is dependent on another clause for it to make sense or be complete.

For example: Because I have no friends.

There are several types of sentences:

Simple sentence: single independent clause.

Example: Mr. Hussey is funny.

Compound Sentence: multiple independent clauses with no dependent.

Example: Jimmy played hockey, so Betty went shopping.

Complex Sentence: has at least one dependent and independent clause.

Example: I am sad because I have no friends.

Complex-compound Sentence: multiple independent clauses with at least one dependent clause.

Example: Although I like to go camping, I haven't had the time to go lately, and I haven't found anyone to go with.

- independent clause: "I haven't had the time to go lately"
- independent clause: "I haven't found anyone to go with"
- dependent clause: "Although I like to go camping... "