



# Sentence Types



## Simple Sentence

- Contains a subject and a predicate
- Expresses a complete thought.

### Examples:

The boys went to the park.

We like pizza.

### Tip:

A simple sentence is also called an independent clause.

## Compound Sentence

- Contains two or more independent clauses.
- Clauses are joined by a coordinating conjunction.

### Examples:

The boys went to the park, but they did not go to the zoo.

We like pizza, and we like spaghetti.

### Tip:

Look for these conjunctions:  
*for, and, nor, but, or, yet.*

## Complex Sentence

- Contains an independent clause and a dependent clause.
- Dependent clause begins with a subordinating conjunction.

### Examples:

Because the boys went to the park, they did not go to the zoo.

The boys did not go to the zoo because they went to the park.

### Tip:

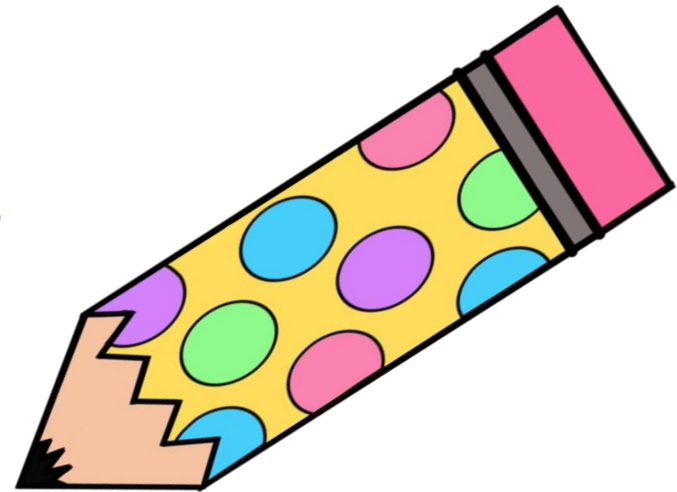
Look for these subordinating conjunctions:  
*after, before, because, although, when, since, if, whenever, unless, while, so that, even though, wherever.*

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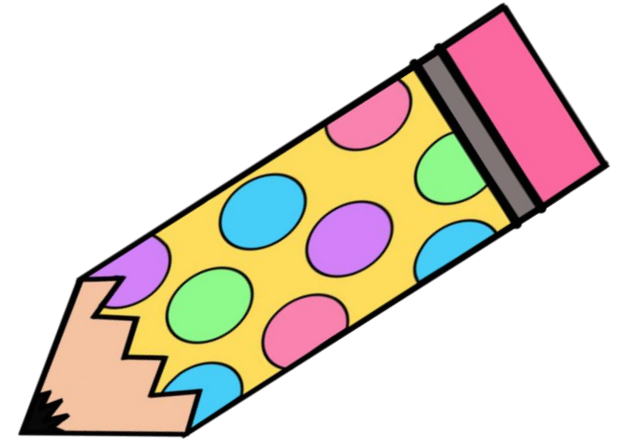
**Example: The boys went to the park.**

Tip: a simple sentence is also called an independent clause.



# Compound Sentence

- Contains two or more independent clauses
- Clauses are joined by a coordinating conjunction.

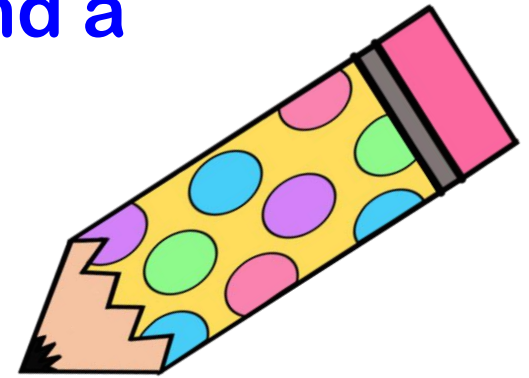


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**Tip: Look for these conjunctions:  
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# Complex Sentence

- Contains an independent clause and a dependent clause.
- The dependent clause begins with a subordinating conjunction.



**Example:** Because the boys went to the park, they did not go to the zoo.

The boys did not go to the zoo because they went to the park.

Tip: Look for these subordinating conjunctions: *after, before, because, although, when, since, if, whenever, unless, while, so that, even though.*


Use this Sentence Types handout and the three posters to help teach this challenging concept to your students.

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