

Writing Sentences

Simple, compound and complex sentences

Glossary

- ❖ **Verb:** A verb can be a sensing/ thinking word, an action word, a saying word or a relating word(to be and to have)
- ❖ A verb phrase is a verb and a helping verb eg. Kay **was eating** ice cream; eating is the verb, was is the helping verb.
- ❖ **Noun:** A noun is a word used to represent a person, place, thing or idea. A noun phrase is a group of words representing a person, place, thing or idea eg. The tiny, brown rock.....
- ❖ **Clause:** A clause is a group of words that contain a subject (the noun, or thing which the clause is about) and a verb or verb phrase.
- ❖ **Coordinating conjunction:** words which join clauses together (For And Nor But Or Yet So)
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- ❖ **Pronoun:** a word that replaces a noun. (I, me, she, we, they, who, that, yours, his, her, it)

Simple Sentences

A simple sentence has a subject and a verb or verb phrase and is a clause
You can add detail such as adjectives and adverbs to give more information , as long as there is only one subject and verb phrase it is still a simple sentence.

Soil is created from rock particles.

Different types of soils are created from tiny rock particles.

Compound Sentences

A compound sentence has two clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction. The most common coordinating conjunctions are and, but, or and so. We put a comma before the conjunction. In the second clause we often replace the subject with a pronoun (he, she , it, they, we, their, them)

CLAUSE 1

CLAUSE 2

Soil is a layer of material that covers the ground, and it is made up of tiny pieces of rock and rotted plants and animals.

Complex Sentences

A complex sentence has one main clause(independent clause) and one or more added (dependent) clauses which do not make sense on their own so need to be joined to the main clause.

Dependent
clause

The paddock, and all the land it was part of, was rich and sweet and fertile.

Dependent
clause

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clause

We rely on soil for producing plants to eat and feed animals, to filter water, to make our landscapes more resilient in the face of fire, flood and drought, and to help regulate the Earth's climate.

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clause

What type of sentence is it? Read the sentence and try to decide what type it is.

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SIMPLE COMPOUND COMPLEX

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Beneath this surface layer is topsoil, which is rich in humus.

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All soil starts its life in the form of parent rocks that are gradually broken down through the process of weathering.

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TASK:

Write a paragraph about something which lives or grows in your garden. You need to use all three types of sentences at least once. This will need to be submitted to your teacher via class dojo or email.

