

### Sentence Practice

Write two sentences for each category: **simple**, **compound**, **complex** and **compound-complex**. Make sure to punctuate correctly.

A **simple** sentence consists of one independent clause, so it has one subject and one predicate, and it expresses a complete thought. The only punctuation needed is ending punctuation.

A **compound** sentence consists of two or more independent clauses. For punctuation, use either a semi-colon between the two clauses or a comma and a coordinating conjunction like **and**, **but** or **or**. Also use ending punctuation.

A **complex** sentence consists of one or more independent clauses and one dependent (subordinate) clause. A dependent clause cannot stand on its own (it doesn't express a complete thought) and it usually begins with a marker word, such as **until**, **unless**, **since**, **because**, **when**, **before**, **after** or **if**. Punctuation is needed both between clauses and at the end.

A **compound-complex sentence** consists of two or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clause(s). Punctuation is needed both between clauses and at the end.

**Simple:** I like to swim.

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**Compound:** I like to swim, and my sister likes to ski.

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**Complex:** When I was five years old, I rode my bicycle everywhere.

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**Compound-complex:** If I were you, I would do my homework right after school, and then I would enjoy a relaxing evening.

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