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Sentence Structure 2

**There are 4 types of sentence structure:**

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| **Simple Sentence Structure**  A **simple sentence** consists of one **independent clause**. An independent clause contains a subject and a verb, and expresses a complete thought.   * **I like coffee.** * **Helen likes tea.** * **Some students prefer to study in the library.** | **Compound Sentence Structure**  A compound sentence is two (or more) **independent clauses joined by a** **conjunction** or **semi colon**. Each of these clauses could stand as an independent sentence.   * **I like coffee and Helen likes tea.** * **Some students prefer to study in the library but others prefer to work at home.**   There are **7** coordinating conjunctionsyou could use**: and, but, or, nor, for, yet so.** |
| **Complex Sentence Structure**  A **complex sentence** consists of an **independent clause plus a dependent clause**. A dependent clause starts with a **subordinating conjunction or a relative pronoun**, and contains a **subject** **and a** **verb**, but does not express a complete thought.   * **We missed our train because we were late.** * **She left in a hurry after she heard the news.**   Some common subordinating conjunctions include:  **after, although, as, because, before, how, if, once, since, than, that, though, till, until, when, where, whether, while**  The **5** basic relative pronouns are:  **That, which, who, whom, whose** | **Compound-Complex Sentence Structure**  A compound-complex sentence consists of **at least two independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses.**   * **John didn't come because he was ill so Mary was not happy.** * **He left in a hurry after he got a phone call but he came back five minutes later.** |