

Compound sentences

A compound sentence is one in which you join two simple sentences together. Often we use the words 'and', 'but', or 'so' to do this. These words are called conjunctions.

Tommy loved his car and polished it every day.

Simon bought new hair gel but it didn't work very well.

Amy ate three cakes so ...

Compound sentences

Apples grow on trees are a type of fruit.

Dogs are very hairy often have wet noses.

and

Monsters don't exist but so

It's raining hard I'll take an umbrella.

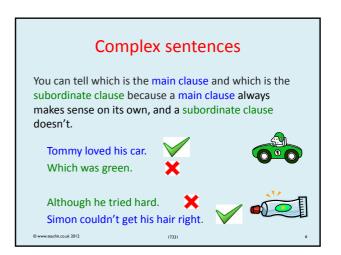
There are chips for lunch I won't eat any more crisps.

Complex sentences

A complex sentence is one in which you glue extra information into a sentence. We call the original sentence the main clause, and the extra bit the subordinate clause.

Tommy loved his car, which was green.

Although he tried hard, Simon couldn't get his hair right.



Complex sentences

The subordinate clause can also come in the middle of the sentence.

Using lots of hair gel, while making his hair stand up, didn't seem to get Simon the girl he wanted!

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Complex sentences

Underline the subordinate clause.

- 1. The shops, which were usually lit up, looked closed today.
- 2. Despite eating twenty biscuits, Sam was still hungry.
- 3. Snuggled up in my dressing gown, I didn't want to leave the house.

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Simple, compound, or complex?

- 1. The cat stretched and ate his food.
- 2. Only apples grow on apple trees.
- 3. If you want to succeed, which I'm sure you do, you will have to work hard.
- 4. The little dinosaur, small though it was, still looked scary to me!
- 5. The rattling sound seemed to be coming from my waste paper bin.

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