

Single Clause (Simple) Sentence

A **single-clause sentence** or **simple sentence** has just one **main clause** that must contain a subject and a verb.

expanded noun phrase with an added prepositional phrase

The daring, athletic diver on the ten-metre board boldly leapt off.

Adjective

A word that describes a noun: monstrous, vivid, delightful, familiar.

Noun

A person, object or animal: garage, Henry, leopard, sofa.

Adverb

A word that modifies a verb, adjective or another adverb that describes time, place or cause: anxiously, soon, therefore.

Verb

An action or doing word (which can be present, past or future): trudged, is/was/were, dozes, chuckling.

Determiner

Used to introduce a noun to specify which one or how many: a/an, the, three, most.

Preposition

A word that combines with noun or pronoun to show time, location or position: above, from, among.

Adding a **prepositional phrase** to an **expanded noun phrase** gives even **more detail** about the noun.

Compound Sentence

A **compound sentence** is a sentence made up of **two main clauses** joined together by a **co-ordinating conjunction**. Both main clauses would make sense on their own.

The **ravenous** **lion** **pounced**, **but**
the **gazelle** **bolted** **courageously**.

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Co-ordinating Conjunction

A word that joins two main clauses together. This is called coordination: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so.

Relative Clause Sentence

A **relative clause** gives more information about the noun. Sometimes (but not always) they are **embedded** in the sentence.

Miss Jones, **who is our music teacher,** **always** makes **us** laugh.

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Pronoun

A word used to replace a noun to avoid repetition: they, us, he/she.

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noun

modal verb

verb

Bethany might win the

subordinating conjunction

determiner

prize if she enters the

pronoun

contest.

A Complex Sentence