

SENTENCE TYPES

DEFINITIONS

The simple sentence – One independent clause

The compound sentence - Two (or more) independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction

The complex sentence – One independent clause + one or more dependent clauses

The complex-compound sentence – Two (or more) independent + one (or more) dependent clauses

Sentence types in English

Read each sentence and determine its type.

Q1. This is a simple sentence.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q2. I like playing basketball, and my brother likes playing tennis.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q3. I'll help you if you help me.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q4. Her name is Sachiko and she comes from Japan.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q5. My mother cooked dinner while I was doing my homework.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q7. Do you want to go swimming tomorrow, or would you prefer to play tennis?

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q8. I've brought my umbrella with me in case it rains.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q9. I don't know why he did that.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q10. My family came to Germany when I was in grade 5, but I never learned to speak German very well.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q11. I'm so pleased that you can come to my party.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q12. He told me that he is returning to London next summer.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q13. I have not seen my grandmother since I came to Germany.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q14. We were doing a mathematics test when the fire alarm rang yesterday.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q15. She runs every day, so she is very fit.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q16. Because she runs every day, she is very fit.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q17. The new girl in our ESL class has a brother in grade 7 and a sister in grade 9.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q18. You should read every day if you want to improve your English more quickly.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q19. Although it was cold and the rain was getting heavier, we decided to go fishing as planned.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q20. You should start working a little harder or you are going to fail your test.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q21. I didn't know what time it was so I was very late to class.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q22. Most European countries now use the Euro, but the United Kingdom still uses the pound (£).

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q23. To build a doll's house you need wood, a hammer, a saw, and lots of nails.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q24. She failed her driving test because she didn't look in her mirror often enough.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

Q25. He got up, walked over to the window, and jumped out.

Simple

Compound

Complex

Compound-complex

