

The rooster is crowing.
subject → verb

My friend loves dogs.
subject verb object

Clauses and Sentences

Unit One



All sentences are made up of **clauses**. A sentence can consist of one clause, or a number of clauses.

Do you know what a clause is?

A clause is a group of words that includes a **subject** and a main **verb**. Sometimes a clause contains an **object** as well.



The cat is sleeping.

subject

verb

My mom likes tea.

subject

verb

object



Some clauses make sense on their own. These types of clauses are called **independent clauses** because they can stand on their own. They are also known as '**main**' clauses.

Jenna ate the fries.

The dog barked.



Some clauses do *not* make sense on their own. These types of clauses are called **subordinate clauses**.

For example: **where I went** **although she was scared**

These clauses cannot stand on their own because they are not complete thoughts. But they are still clauses because they each contain a subject and a main verb.

Can you identify the subject and main verb in each clause?

Identify whether each set of words is a clause.

the bright red balloon

clause

not a clause



What is a simple sentence?

A simple sentence consists of one independent clause. We can therefore say that a simple sentence *is* an independent clause!

A simple sentence contains a subject and a main verb, and it can also contain an object.

Amy read her books.

subject verb object

Marcus swims every day.

subject verb



Now write five simple sentences of your own.



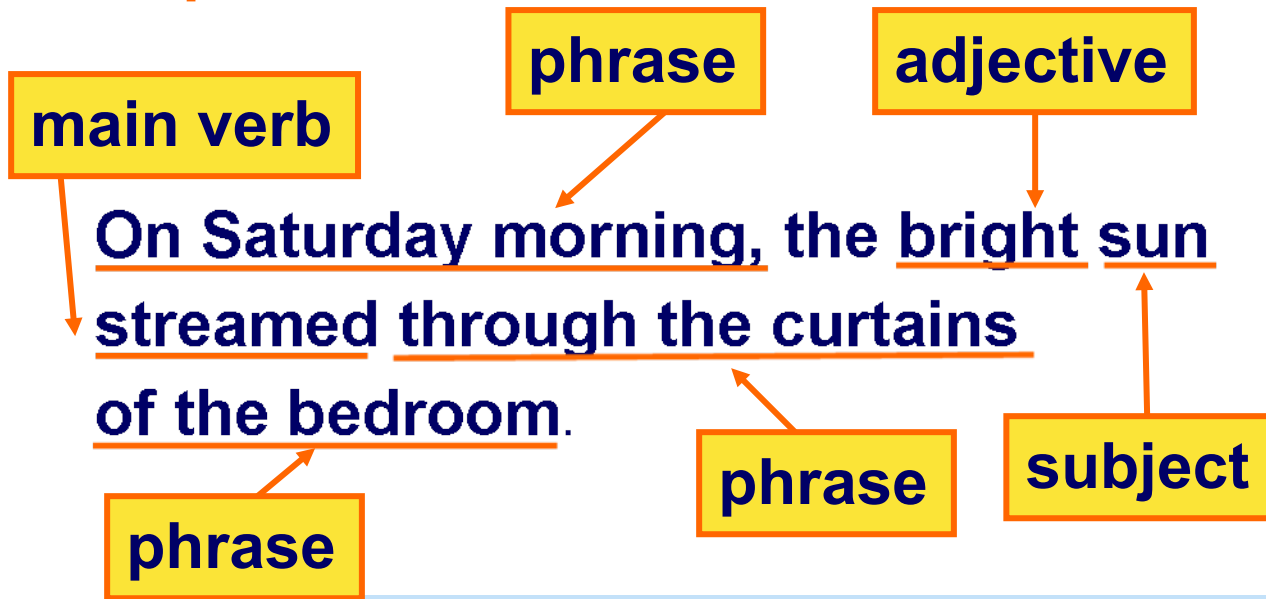
A simple sentence can be as short as two or three words.

He laughed.

Maria cooked dinner.

They cried.

Or it can be very long because it is full of descriptive words and **phrases**.



There is still only one subject and one main verb, so this is a simple sentence.

Subject, verb and object revision

You will notice that in a sentence, the subject usually comes first, the verb second and the object last.

Do you know what the subject, verb and object in a sentence are?

Tim loves his skateboard.

Verb: the action.

Subject: the person or thing carrying out the action.

Object: the person, place or thing that is receiving the action.



Identify whether the underlined word in each simple sentence is the subject (S), main verb (V) or object (O).

1. I love swimming in the sea.

S V O

2. Caroline eats lots of chocolate.

S V O

3. Tom watches too much television.

S V O

4. On Saturday morning, I went fishing with my dad.

S V O

5. We are eating pizza for dinner.

S V O



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Imperative sentences

Look at the following sentences. They are all simple sentences, but can you see what's missing from them?

Don't run!

Don't walk on the grass.

Do not smoke.

Stop at the light.

Go to your room!

Take 2 cups of flour.

The **subject** of each sentence is missing.

These are all examples of **imperative sentences**. In an imperative sentence the subject is not stated, it is *implied*.

Imperative sentences are used to give commands and instructions.



 Can you think of some more imperative sentences? 

Is it a simple sentence?



Compound sentences

A **compound sentence** is made up of two independent clauses (two simple sentences) joined together by a **coordinate conjunction**.

independent clause

independent clause

David asked Victoria to marry him **but** she said no.

coordinate conjunction

Notice that the clauses on either side of the coordinate conjunction make sense on their own.



'But' is one coordinate conjunction. There are seven coordinate conjunctions altogether:

but

and

or

nor

for

so

yet

Here are some more compound sentences.
Can you find the coordinate conjunctions?

I like watching football and I like playing football.

I practice on my piano daily so I am ready for my recital.

I might have a strawberry milkshake or I might have a chocolate milkshake.



Write five compound sentences using different coordinate conjunctions.



Compound sentences

Complete these compound sentences by joining the sets of clauses together with the correct coordinate conjunctions.

I want to buy some new DVDs

but

he can hear better.

Let's head home

or

Mrs. Smith will be very angry.

You'd better do your homework

for

do I like tea.

My grandpa has a hearing aid

and

it is getting dark.

My uncle is so funny

so

I haven't got any money.

I don't like coffee

yet

he always makes me laugh.

My mom wants to lose weight

nor

she eats cake all the time.



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