

Lesson 1 - WALT: Different types of sentences

To keep a reader interested, we use a range of different sentence types.

Simple sentences

Simple sentences have just **one main verb**, for example:

'He **walked** quickly back to the house.'

Simple sentences are important for making clear points. They are also useful for creating tension when writing fiction. However, if you only ever use simple sentences in your writing, the reader might lose interest in what you are saying.

For example;

The ground **shook** angrily.

This sentence is short, with **one main verb** and creates tension.



Task 1 - Write your own simple sentences.

Challenge - can you use an **adverb**?

Compound sentences

A compound sentence has **more than one verb**. The two, or more, clauses of the sentence still make sense on their own. Compound sentences often use **coordinating conjunctions**, such as 'but', 'and' and 'so':



Verb 1

Verb 2

George realised he could **hear** voices, **so** he **walked** quickly back to the house.



Task 2 - Make this sentence a compound sentence

The class **worked** extremely hard, _____

_____.



Task 3 - Challenge Can you write your own compound sentences?

Underline the **verbs** you use and the **coordinating conjunctions** that join them together.

Complex sentences

The complex sentence example presents the reader with a **more interesting idea** and shows the relationship between two parts of a sentence.



Sam wanted to go for walk even though it was getting dark

They contain a **subordinating clause**. These can go at the; the start (1), in the middle (2) or at the end of the sentence (2):

1. 'Even though it was getting dark, Sam wanted to go for a walk.'
2. 'Sam, even though it was getting dark, wanted to go for a walk.'
3. 'Sam wanted to go for walk even though it was getting dark.'



Task 4 - Challenge - Add a **subordinating conjunction** to these sentences to make it complex.

_____ the it stops raining, the class would need to stay inside

Rhodopis was desperate to go to the celebration _____ she was cruelly treated slave girl.

I practiced my spellings every night _____ I wanted to do well in the test.

after
although
as
as if
as long as
as much as
as soon as
as though

because
before
even if
even though
how
if
in as much as
in order that

lest
now that
provided
since
so that
than
that
though

till
unless
until
when
whenever
where
wherever
while