

Grammar, sentence and punctuation

Sentence Structure
Punctuation

Simple Sentence

main

'An independent clause that contains a subject and a verb.'

'A simple sentence needs a noun and a verb.'

Compound Sentence

Compound sentence...

'Two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction.'

'Two simple sentences joined with a conjunction.'



Connective or Conjunction?



Compound Sentence

Coordinating conjunctions...

For, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

Punctuation in compound sentences

Using a comma...

All the time...except...

We went shopping but couldn't find what we were after.

We went shopping **,** but **I** couldn't find what I was after.

Complex Sentences

'A sentence that contains an
independent ^(main) clause and at least
one dependent _(subordinate) clause.'

'Two clauses joined by a
yellow conjunction'

Punctuation in complex sentences



after
because before while
as even though whenever

Punctuation...

Subordinator at the beginning - use a comma

Subordinator in the middle - NO comma