

Sentences

Definition: A sentence is a unit of written language that contains a subject and a verb and makes complete sense on its own. It expresses a single idea.

A simple sentence = a main clause

Subject = person or thing that is doing the action

verb



Simple Sentence: The chef cooked.



Subject

Simple sentence

verb



The chef and his friends ate the delicious meal



Subject can represent more than one



noun phrase

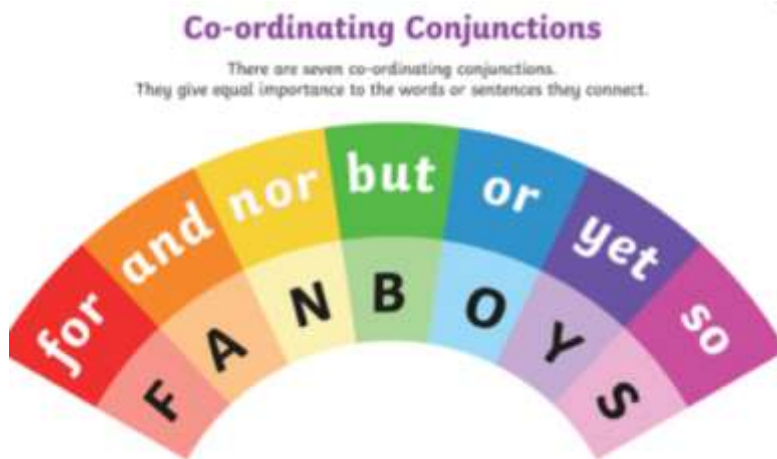
Noun phrase = adjective and noun



Compound sentence

Definition: A compound sentence is made up of two or more main clauses, but no subordinate clause. The main clauses are linked using conjunctions.

A compound sentence links two or more ideas of equal importance. They help improve the flow of writing. The ideas are linked with a co-ordinating conjunction.



Craig loves swimming

Martin builds robots

and/but

Craig loves swimming and Martin builds robots.

Craig loves swimming but Martin builds robots.



High Standards in a Caring Environment

Complex Sentence

Definition: A complex sentence is made up of a main clause and one or more subordinate clauses. The subordinate clause depends on the main clause for its meaning.

Subordinate clause = a group of words that contain a subject and a verb but depend on a main clause for its meaning.



main clause

Subordinating clause

Jason hid in a corner because he hated dancing

Conjunction

Unless the dancing was over, Jason hid in the corner

- The subordinate clause is at the beginning so a comma is needed to separate the clauses.

