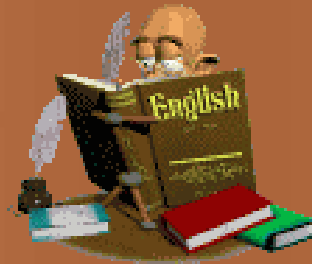


Simple and Compound Sentences



Sentence Variety

#1 Simple Sentence

Spock drank a Pepsi.

Alfred bought a diamond ring for his lovely wife Thuy.



Sentence Variety

Both of the sentences are simple sentences because they each only have one subject and one predicate/verb. The second may have more adjectives and adverbs, but it is still a simple sentence.

Sub Verb Art Adj Do/ noun prep PN

Alfred bought a diamond ring for his

Adv Adj Do / Proper Noun

lovely wife Thuy.

Sentence Variety

#2 Compound Subject / Verb / Object

A simple sentence can have two subjects or two verbs.

Kirk and Spock drank Pepsi.

Spock slurped and gulped his drink.

Spock drank Pepsi and Diet Pepsi.

Note: There are no commas in these sentences

Sentence Variety

Sentences utilizing a compound subject, verb, or object are still simple sentences because they only have one clause. A clause is a phrase that contains both a subject and a verb. It is possible to have a sentence that has a compound subject, verb, and object.

Kirk and Spock ate and drank pizza and Pepsi.

Sentence Variety

Please don't confuse a sentence with a compound verb with a compound sentence.

Compound Verb

Spock drank Pepsi and belched loudly.

Compound Sentence

Spock drank Pepsi, and he belched loudly.

A compound sentence must have two subjects
AND two verbs (predicates).

Sentence Variety

#3 Compound Sentence

A compound sentence uses one of the seven coordinating conjunctions (and, but, or, for, nor, so, yet) and connects two complete simple sentences. Each half of the sentence is equally important to the meaning of the sentence. The coordinating conjunction must be preceded by a comma.



Sentence Variety

The seven coordinating conjunctions are also known as FANBOYS words. If These words are written out, the first letter of each one spells FANBOYS.

For
And
Nor
But
Or
Yet
So



Sentence Variety

Each time the coordinating conjunction is changed the meaning also changes.

*The chicken got well, **for** we had salad.*

*The chicken got well, **yet** we had salad.*

*The chicken got well, **but** we had salad.*

*The chicken got well, **and** we had salad.*

*The chicken got well, **so** we had salad.*

Sentence Variety

sub verb artobj C.C. Sub verb obj.

Spock drank a Pepsi, and he enjoyed it.

This is a compound sentence because it has a complete sentence on both sides of the coordinating conjunction, the sentences make sense together, and the coordinating conjunction makes sense with the sentences.

Sentence Variety

Spock drank a Pepsi, **or** he enjoyed it.

Spock drank a Pepsi, **nor** he enjoyed it.

These are examples of faulty coordination since the coordinating conjunction does not make sense with the sentences it is connecting.

Sentence Variety

Spock drank a Pepsi, **so** computers hate people who have poor usage skills.



This is another example of faulty coordination because these two sentences don't make any logical sense together.

Simple and Compound Sentences

The End

