

Online 9.8 Identifying Sentence Types

Sentence Type	Features	Example	Symbol
Simple	One independent clause (can have compound subject and/or compound predicate)	Traders and buyers hurry to the center of town and usually arrive at the same time.	S
Compound	Two or more independent clauses but no dependent clause. Independent clauses may be joined by comma and coordinating conjunction <i>or</i> by a semicolon with or without conjunctive adverb.	The guide dog stopped suddenly, so he did not fall into the hole. Rain poured for ten days; therefore, the festival had to be cancelled.	CD
Complex	One independent clause and one or more dependent clauses	She read the newspaper because she wanted to learn more about the candidates for mayor.	CX
Compound-complex	Two or more coordinated independent clauses and at least one dependent clause	He majored in biology, but he became so fascinated by language that he changed to English.	CD-CX