**Simple Sentence:** A simple sentence is a complete thought that makes sense on its own. It is made up of **one** independent clause, containing a **subject**, a **verb** and usually an **object**.

**Example:** Mary plays the piano.

**Compound Sentences:** A compound sentence is made up of **two simple sentences**, joined by a **coordinating conjunction**. It is made up of **two** or more **main clauses.**

**Example:** Mary plays the piano, but she doesn’t like to practice.



**Coordinating conjunctions:**

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**For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So**

**Exercise: Turn the following simple sentences into compound sentences, using one of the coordinating conjunctions.**

1. Lisa hates chocolate.

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1. Ali likes riding his bicycle.

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1. Elizabeth eats an apple a day.

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1. Ruby is reading a book. …………………………………………………………
2. William doesn’t like doing his homework.

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**Complex Sentences:** A complex sentence is made up of **one independent** clause, and **one or more dependent clauses** joined by a **subordinating conjunction**.

**Example:** I was exhausted because I slept late last night.

**Subordinating conjunctions**

Because, since, when, while, where, until, unless, before, after, if, although, than, though, as.

**Exercise: Turn the following dependent clauses into complete sentences.**

1. Because he was late.

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1. Although she was considered to be smart.

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1. While I am passionate about football.

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1. Whenever the sky is blue.

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1. Before the teacher arrives.

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