

## Simple Sentences

Simple sentences, also known as independent clauses, can stand on their own. They must have these elements.



- Subject (the person/place/thing that does the action)
- Verb (the action)
- Ending punctuation ( . ? ! )

These components aren't needed for a sentence but can be added.



- Object (the verb is done to this)
- Adjective (describes a noun)
- Adverb (describes a verb)

## 4 Basic Sentence Forms in English

She	sings?	
She	sings	songs.
She	is	talented!
She	sings	beautifully.



Subject + verb
Subject + verb + object
Subject + verb + adjective
Subject + verb + adverb

## Compound Sentences

With a comma and a **coordinating conjunction**, two simple sentences (or independent clauses) can be combined into a compound sentence.

Sentence 1:

She studies hard.



Subject + verb + adverb

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Sentence 2:

She usually gets good grades.



Subject + adverb + verb +  
adjective + object

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Compound:

She studies hard, so she usually gets good grades.



Subject + verb + adjective +  
coordinating conjunction+ subject  
+ adverb + verb + adjective + object

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## Coordinating Conjunctions

For

And

Nor

But

Or

Yet

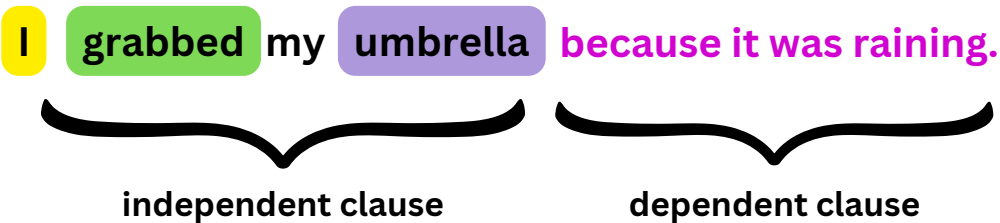
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Tip: **FANBOYS** can be used to remember the coordinating conjunctions

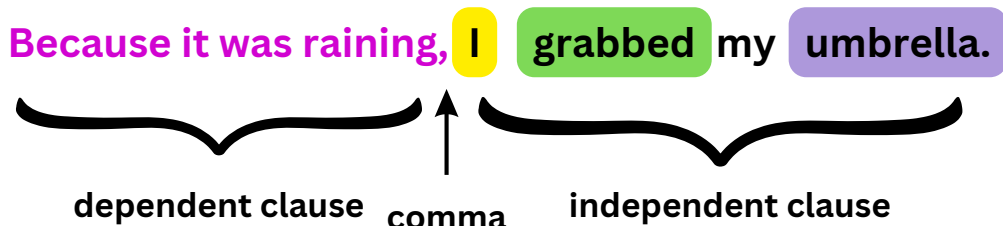
## Complex Sentences

Complex sentences contain both an independent clause and a dependent clause.

Independent clauses can come first followed by a dependent clause.



Dependent clauses can go first, but a comma must separate it from the independent clause.



### Examples of Words That Start a Dependent Clause

#### Timing:

- After
- As
- Since
- Once
- Before
- As soon as

#### Contrast:

- Although
- Even though
- Whereas
- But

#### Condition:

- If
- In case
- Provided
- Unless
- Whether
- Because

[This list is not exhaustive]

\*Dependent clauses are made by putting a subordinating conjunction (such as *because, though, unless*) before an independent clause. They can be used to define the timing of an event or to indicate contrast or condition (cause and effect). Dependent clauses are not complete sentences and cannot stand alone.