

## AET-127 – LESSON HANDOUT

### English Sentence Types

#### 1. Why Sentence Variety Matters

Good writers use different sentence types to make their paragraphs clear, coherent, and engaging. Sentence variety improves both style and reader comprehension.

#### 2. Overview of Sentence Types

Type	Core Structure	Purpose	Example
Simple	One independent clause (S + V + O)	Expresses one complete idea	Students revise vocabulary every day.
Compound	Two or more independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)	Connects related ideas of equal importance	Students study every day, and they review their notes weekly.
Complex	One independent + one or more dependent clauses (because, although, when, if, since)	Shows cause, contrast, time, or condition	Students succeed because they plan their study schedule.
Compound-Complex	Two or more independent + one or more dependent clauses	Expresses rich or layered ideas	Students work hard, but they perform best when they sleep well.

#### 3. Sentence Types in Detail

##### A. Simple Sentence

A simple sentence has one independent clause that expresses a complete thought.

Example: The course begins in September.

##### B. Compound Sentence

A compound sentence joins two or more independent clauses using coordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS) or a semicolon.

Example: I wrote my essay carefully, and I submitted it on time.

##### C. Complex Sentence

A complex sentence includes one independent clause and at least one dependent clause.

Example: Because I revised every week, I felt confident in the exam.

#### D. Compound-Complex Sentence

Contains at least two independent clauses and one dependent clause.

Example: Students completed their assignments, but they didn't relax until all the results were announced.

#### 4. Sentence-Type Identification Practice

Identify each sentence type and explain why:

- 1. Learning a new language takes patience.
- 2. Many students study abroad, and they experience cultural growth.
- 3. Although translation is difficult, it develops creativity and precision.
- 4. The teacher checked the essays, but she returned them late because the internet was down.

#### 5. Sentence Construction Guide

Goal	Try This Pattern	Example
Emphasize a single idea	Simple	Feedback motivates learners.
Show contrast or addition	Compound	The topic was interesting, but the essay was short.
Explain reason or result	Complex	Students failed because they didn't follow the rubric.
Combine multiple relations	Compound-Complex	The project was demanding, yet we completed it even though time was limited.

#### 6. Common Problems & Quick Fixes

Error Type	Problem	Correction
Fragment	Incomplete thought	Because the exam was hard. → I studied hard because the exam was difficult.
Run-on	Clauses joined without punctuation	I revised I passed. → I revised, and I passed.
Comma splice	Two sentences joined by only a comma	The essay was short, it lacked detail. → The essay was short, so it lacked detail.

#### 7. Practice Activity

Combine the following ideas into different sentence types:

1. The library opens at 9 a.m.
2. Students need quiet places to study.
3. Many students prepare for exams there.

Example:

Simple: The library opens at 9 a.m.

Compound: The library opens at 9 a.m., and many students prepare for exams there.

Complex: Students prepare for exams in the library because it is quiet.

Compound-Complex: The library opens at 9 a.m., and students prepare there because it is quiet.

### 8. Reflection / Homework

Write one paragraph (5–7 sentences) about your learning habits, using at least one simple, one compound, one complex, and one compound-complex sentence. Underline and label each sentence type.

### 9. Quick Reference Summary

Type	Number of Clauses	Key Connector	Example
Simple	1 independent	none	The students write.
Compound	2 independent	FANBOYS / ;	The students write, and they share ideas.
Complex	1 independent + 1 dependent	because, although, when, if	They write because they enjoy it.
Compound-Complex	≥2 independent + 1 dependent	both	They write regularly, and they improve because they practice.