

Types of Sentences in English with Examples and Rules

Type of Sentence	Example	Rule
Simple sentence	The cat sat on the mat.	A simple sentence contains one independent clause.
Compound sentence	The cat sat on the mat, but the dog ran away.	A compound sentence contains two or more independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction.

Rules for Simple Sentences	Examples of Simple Sentences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subject must always come before the verb. The verb must agree with the subject in number and person. The object must come after the verb. Adjectives and adverbs must be placed correctly in the sentence. Punctuation must be used correctly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cat sat on the mat. The dog ran away. I like to read. She is very happy. The book is on the table.

Rules for Compound Sentences	Examples of Compound Sentences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The independent clauses must be joined by a coordinating conjunction. The coordinating conjunctions are "and," "but," "or," "nor," "for," "so," and "yet." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cat sat on the mat, but the dog ran away. I like to read, and I also like to write. She is very happy, but she is also very tired. The book is on the table, and the pen is in the drawer. I went to the store for milk, but they were out.

Rules for Complex Sentences	Examples of Complex Sentences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The independent clause must come before the dependent clause. The dependent clause must be attached to the independent clause with a subordinating conjunction. The subordinating conjunctions are "after," "although," "as," "because," "before," "if," "since," "than," "that," "though," "unless," "until," "when," and "while." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I like to read books that are challenging. The dog ran away because he was scared. I will go to the store after I finish my homework. Although she was tired, she went to the party. I will not go unless you come with me.