



Sentence Types

There are four main types of sentences: simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex.

What are simple sentences?

Simple sentences consist of a single main clause and no subordinate clause.

- *The winter was very frigid.*
- *The winter made many people fly south for good or take a short vacation.*

What are compound sentences?

Compound sentences consist of two or more main clauses and no subordinate clause.

- *Costa-Rica is very hot, but the Sahara Desert is even hotter.*
- *The scorching sun withered the flowers, and their colours appeared to bleed onto the earth.*

What are complex sentences?

Complex sentences consist of one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

- *Rain finally came, although the majority of the flowers were dead.*
- *The dead flowers were reborn in the spring because that is the circle of life.*

What are compound-complex sentences?

Compound-complex sentences have the characteristics of both the compound sentence (two or more main-clauses) and the complex sentence (at least one subordinate clause).

- *Even though the rain finally came, many flowers were already dead, and the others were beginning to wither.*