Types of Sentences

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| **Simple** | **Compound** | **Complex** | **Compound-Complex** |
| A subject + a verb;  one independent clause | Two independent clauses in one sentence connected with a coordinating conjunction. | One independent clause + one or more dependent clauses. | TWO independent clauses + one or more dependent clauses. |
| Examples:  Joe waited for the train.    The train was late.  Mary and Samantha took the bus.  I looked for Mary and Samantha at the bus station. | Examples:  Joe waited for the train, but the train was late.    I looked for Mary and Samantha at the bus station, but they arrived at the station before noon.    Mary and Samantha arrived at the bus station before noon, and they left on the bus before I arrived.    Mary and Samantha left on the bus before I arrived, so I did not see them at the bus station. | Examples:  Because Mary and Samantha arrived at the bus station before noon, I did not see them at the station.  While he waited at the train station, Joe realized that the train was late.  After they left on the bus, Mary and Samantha realized that Joe was waiting at the train station.  I did not see them at the station because Mary and Samantha arrived at the bus station before noon. | Examples:  Before they were friends, Louisa and Julie knew Aimee, but they didn't realize that they knew her until they met.  I will get to watch television, but first, I have to clean up the dishes after we finish eating.  We won the game, but my uniform was muddy because it rained the entire time.  After our trip to the beach, school started back, and I was excited to see my friends. |

**Practice:**

Identify the type of sentence.

1. Although I love playing video games, I rarely have the time to do so.

simple

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2. While he recorded, I read the document.

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3. They are reading the book and then watching the movie.

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4. The student was running towards class, and then the bell rang

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5. Usually I am cautious, but I was distracted when I wrecked my car.

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6. Whenever I feel angry, I watch funny videos.

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