

SENTENCES BASED ON STRUCTURE

There are three types of sentences based on Structure: Simple, Compound and Complex.

Simple Sentences: ✓

These types of sentences have only one Subject and one Predicate as in the given example:

→ They finished their journey.

Compound Sentences:

These sentences have more than one Principal / Main Clause so they are called Compound Sentences as in the example:

→ They finished their journey and returned home.

This sentence may be divided into two sentences without bringing a change in the meaning of the sentences which means that both Clauses used in the sentence are Principal / Main Clauses.

Complex Sentences:

The sentences that consist of one main clause and one or more than one Sub-ordinate Clause are included in the category of Complex sentences. If we say:

→ They finished their journey and returned home when the evening came.

In this example the first two Clauses are Principal clauses and may be divided into two independent sentences but the third Clause:

‘When the evening came’

Is a Sub-ordinate Clause and does not give complete meanings without the earlier two clauses so it makes this sentence a Complex Sentence.

Principal / Main / Independent Clauses are joined with Co-ordinate Conjunctions and Sub-ordinate / Dependent Clauses are joined with Sub-ordinate Conjunctions.

EXERCISE

1. The moon was bright.
2. His courage won him honor.
3. Do whatever you think right.
4. He worked hard and succeeded.
5. They guessed what he meant.
6. God made the country and man made the town.
7. She must weep or she will die.
8. My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky.
9. There is no meaning in what you say.
10. I hoped that it was true.

Activity:

Find out different types of Sentences from the given Extract.

Transform one type of sentences into the other one and fulfill all requirements.

EXTRACT:

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By the end of 1800s, many people had tried to reach the North Pole but failed. The most famous attempt, made by Adolphus Greeley's team, came the closest. Commander Robert Peary and his aide Matthew Henson had also led many unsuccessful expeditions. Against all odds, they continued their effort to reach their goal-the top of the world.

In 1905, Peary set off on a new expedition, and Henson was with him. This time, a new ship, the Roosevelt, succeeded in smashing its way through the Arctic ice. Sledding over extremely treacherous ice, Henson and Peary came within 175 miles of the pole. This was the closest that anyone had