

ENGLISH · Y3-Y6

Sentence Types

By structure and by purpose

Sentence types

1

Simple sentence

One main clause. The dog barked.

2

Compound sentence

Two main clauses joined by and/but/or/so. The dog barked and the cat ran.

3

Complex sentence

A main clause plus a subordinate clause. When the dog barked, the cat ran.

4

Statement

Tells you something. Ends with a full stop.

5

Question

Asks something. Ends with a question mark.

6

Command

Tells someone to do something. Often starts with a verb.

7

Exclamation

Shows strong feeling. Starts with What or How. Ends with !

Set 1: Simple, compound or complex?

1. 1. The boy ran fast.



2. 2. The boy ran fast because he was late.
3. 3. The boy ran fast and the girl walked slowly.
4. 4. Although it was raining, we went to the park.
5. 5. We packed our bags.
6. 6. We packed our bags but we forgot the map.
7. 7. The cat sat on the mat.
8. 8. After the bell rang, the children went to lunch.

Set 2: Statement, question, command or exclamation?

1. 1. Where is my pencil?
2. 2. Stop running.
3. 3. The sky is blue.
4. 4. What a beautiful day!
5. 5. Sit down quietly.
6. 6. Have you finished your homework?
7. 7. London is the capital of England.
8. 8. How exciting that is!

Set 3: Combine the simple sentences

1. 1. The dog barked. The cat ran. (compound)
2. 2. It was raining. We went outside. (complex with 'although')
3. 3. The bell rang. The children went home. (complex with 'when')
4. 4. I was hungry. I made a sandwich. (complex with 'because')
5. 5. We finished our work. We could play. (complex with 'after')
6. 6. The shop was closed. We came back later. (compound with 'so')

Answer key

Set 1: 1. simple 2. complex 3. compound 4. complex 5. simple 6. compound 7. simple 8. complex



Set 2: 1. question 2. command 3. statement 4. exclamation 5. command 6. question 7. statement 8. exclamation

Set 3: Open answers — examples: 1. The dog barked and the cat ran. 2. Although it was raining, we went outside. 3. When the bell rang, the children went home. 4. Because I was hungry, I made a sandwich. 5. After we finished our work, we could play. 6. The shop was closed, so we came back later.

