

Sentence Structure: Building Better Sentences with Max and Kit

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- A simple sentence contains one independent clause and expresses a complete thought, like: 'Max climbed the tall tree.'
- Compound sentences use a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) to join two independent clauses together.
- Complex sentences combine an independent clause with a subordinate clause, often starting with words like 'although', 'because', or 'since'.
- A fronted adverbial is a word or phrase at the start of a sentence that describes how, when, or where an action happens, followed by a comma.
- Using relative pronouns like 'who', 'which', or 'where' allows you to add extra information about a noun without starting a brand new sentence.

Did you know? Did you know? The longest sentence ever written in a published novel is over 13,000 words long! While that might be a bit tricky to read, using a variety of sentence lengths and structures helps keep your reader interested and makes your writing flow like a clear, bubbling stream.

Key vocabulary: Clause · Conjunction · Subordinate · Coordinating · Relative pronoun · Fronted adverbial