

Sentence Structure: The Architecture of Ideas

Construct Your Sentences Like a Master Builder!

- A main clause contains a subject and a verb, and it can stand alone as a complete sentence.
- A subordinate clause adds extra information but cannot stand alone; it needs a main clause to support it.
- Fronted adverbials (like 'Slowly and carefully,') are placed at the beginning of a sentence to describe how, when, or where an action happens.
- Relative clauses start with words like 'who', 'which', or 'where' to give more detail about a noun.
- Parenthesis uses brackets, dashes, or commas to insert extra, non-essential information into the middle of a sentence.

Did you know? Did you know? Every sentence is like a bridge. A simple sentence is a short garden path, but a complex sentence is a grand, sweeping suspension bridge that connects different ideas together. By using commas to separate clauses, you help your reader cross from one thought to the next without getting lost!

Key vocabulary: Subordinate Clause · Relative Clause · Fronted Adverbial · Coordinating Conjunction · Parenthesis · Main Clause · Complex Sentence