

Mastering Sentence Structure with Max the Monkey

Unlock the secrets of brilliant writing—build your sentences like a pro!

- A simple sentence contains one independent clause and expresses a complete thought, just like Max finding one perfect banana.
- A compound sentence uses a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) to join two independent clauses together.
- A complex sentence combines an independent clause with a subordinate clause, often starting with words like 'although', 'because', or 'while'.
- Fronted adverbials are words or phrases at the start of a sentence that describe when, where, or how an action happens, usually followed by a comma.
- Relative clauses provide extra information about a noun and often begin with 'who', 'which', 'whose', or 'where'.

Did you know? Did you know? The longest sentence in a published novel is over 4,000 words long! While that is a fun record, Max the Monkey suggests that for clear writing, sticking to a variety of sentence lengths is the best way to keep your reader engaged.

Key vocabulary: Clause · Subordinate · Conjunction · Coordinating · Subordinating · Relative pronoun