

English Grammar Workshop Series



SENTENCE STRUCTURE

WITH A PARTNER

Read the passage below and identify the following:

1. Simple sentence (SS)
2. Compound sentence (CS)
3. Complex sentence (CXS)
4. Compound Complex sentence (CCXS)
5. Coordinating conjunctions (CC)
6. Subordinating conjunctions (SC)
7. Relative pronouns (RP)
8. Conjunctive Adverbs (CA)

Studying in college is often very expensive. Students who are in college have to pay a lot of money for tuition and other fees, and they also have to buy many textbooks. In addition to textbooks, students need to buy a lot of other supplies; moreover, some of the students buy large backpacks to carry all their heavy books and supplies. Students who drive to school daily must also purchase a parking permit. Wow! Students in college have a lot of expenses.

Write examples for each type of sentence:

Sentences	Example
Simple	
Compound	
Complex	
Compound complex	

ON YOUR OWN

Match the definition for each term:

Term	Definition	Notes
A Simple sentence...	1. ...contains two or more independent clauses.	
A Compound sentence...	2. ...is a sentence with one independent clause	
A Complex sentence...	3. ...contains two or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses.	
A Compound complex sentence...	4. ...is a sentence that contains one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.	
Coordinating conjunctions	5. ... "relate" a subordinate clause to the rest of the sentence.	
Subordinating conjunctions...	6. ... often function as conjunctions in joining two independent clauses and are preceded by a semi colon.	
A Semi colon (;)...	7. ...are used to join a dependent clause to an independent clause.	
Relative pronouns...	8. ...is a punctuation mark used to connect two independent clauses.	
Conjunctive adverbs...	9. ...connect two independent clauses and are usually preceded by a comma.	

Extra Resources

For more information and interactive quizzes, access the following websites:

Beginning <http://www.eslbee.com/sentences.htm>

Intermediate <http://www.arts.uottawa.ca/writcent/hypergrammar/sntstrct.html>

Advanced <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/573/02/>

For notes taken during the workshop, access the following site:

<http://canadacollege.net/readingwritinglab/workshops.shtml>