

# Types of Sentences – Form

## What is a Sentence?

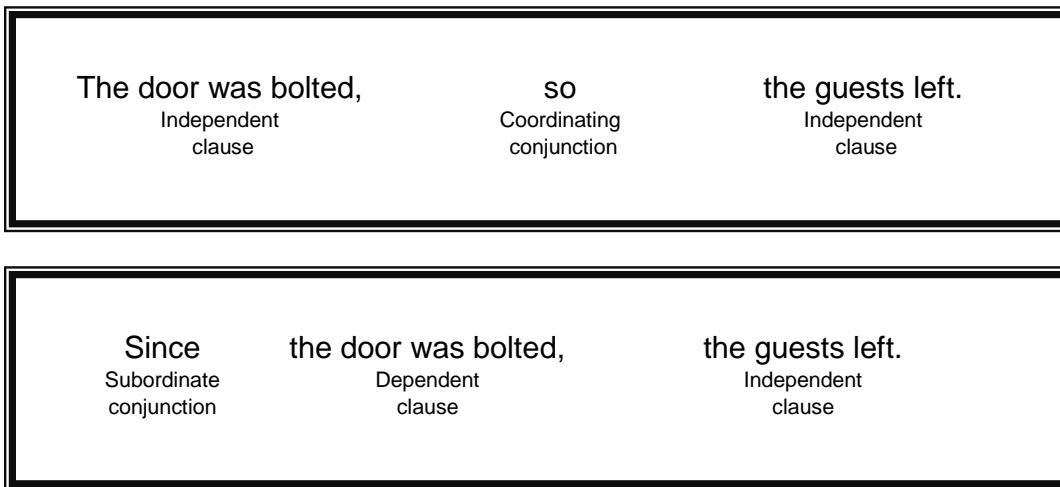
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A sentence is a group of words and has at least one clause in it. It conveys meaning and is complete.

## Dependent and Independent Clauses

A clause which can stand alone as a sentence is called an **independent clause**.

A clause which cannot stand alone as a sentence and always relies on the independent clause to complete it is known as a **dependent clause**.



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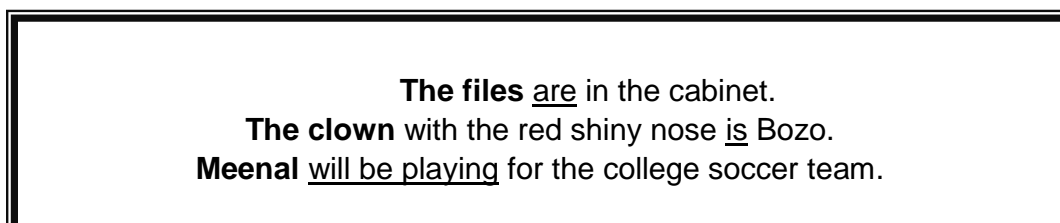
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There are four types of sentences in English:

- Simple sentences
- Compound sentences
- Complex sentences
- Compound–complex sentences

## Simple Sentences

Simple sentences have one **subject** and one verb. In other words, they contain just one clause.



## Compound Sentences

Compound sentences have two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction. In other words, it is made of two or more simple sentences.

Manju is an engineer **and** his brother is a doctor.

I am confident about our win, **but** we should be cautious.

Mrs Sharma owns the property, **so** she will decide how to divide it.

## Complex Sentences

Complex sentences contain a dependent clause apart from an independent clause. The dependent clause may be an adjective clause or an adverb clause.

**While** the boss was away, Manish sneaked out of the office.

**Although** he puts a facade of politeness, Raghu is a conniving liar.

Omar invited us **because** it is his birthday.

## Compound–Complex Sentence

Compound–complex sentences contain two independent clauses and at least one dependent clause.

**After** we finish painting, we can go to the mall **and** meet our friends.

**While** he was sleeping, his parents decorated the Christmas tree but forgot to place the presents.

**Before** you leave, place the books in the correct order **or else** there would be confusion.