

Grade 7 English

Sentence Structure

If you are doing Grade 7, you'll find these materials extremely helpful!

In this set of materials, we'll try to get you acquainted with the most important linguistic elements you need to excel in your English exams.

In order to make it easier to follow, we've classified your needful materials. For each section, standard questions are raised, and detailed explanations are provided to make sure a sound understanding of the questions is earned.

Questions on Sentence Structure

As long as sentence structure is concerned, sentences are classified into four main categories of Simple Sentences, Compound Sentences, Complex Sentences, and Compound-Complex Sentences.

Here you can find a short quiz on this subject matter.

What sentence types are these?

1. After Alice got graduated from college, she started a new business and prospered financially.

- a. Simple
- b. Compound
- c. Complex
- d. Compound-Complex

2. After Samantha left work, she stopped at the pharmacy and then she went to the gym.

- a. Simple
- c. Complex

- b. Compound
- d. Compound-Complex

3. The weather forecast had predicted a heavy thunderstorm, but it never materialized.

- a. Simple
- c. Complex

- b. Compound
- d. Compound-Complex

4. My family and I finally decided to go on a cruise to visit Alaska after 8 months of hard work on our farm.

- a. Simple
- c. Complex

- b. Compound
- d. Compound-Complex

Answer Explanations

1. C

Complex Sentences: A sentence with one or more Dependent Clauses and at least one Independent Clause makes a Complex Sentence.

Note that in Sentence 1, “she started a new business and prospered financially” is one Independent Clause not two. It has a compound verb, but it is not a compound sentence. So, the whole sentence has one Dependent, and one Independent Clause.

Examples:

She left the meeting as soon as she heard her cellphone ringing.

The cars which had technical problems were recalled to the factory.

2. D

Compound-Complex Sentences: A sentence with one or more Dependent Clauses and at least two Independent Clauses makes a Compound-Complex Sentence.

Examples:

People who watch action movies rarely like romance; they find romance boring and mawkish!

I love biology, but my brother loves mathematics because he finds numbers interesting.

3. B

Compound Sentences: Compound Sentences are formed by two Independent Clauses joined by Coordinate Conjunctions (FANBOYS: For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So), Conjunctive Adverbs and Subordinating Conjunctions (Since, Because, When, While, Although, Despite the fact that, However, As a Result, Nevertheless) or Semicolon.

Examples:

I love action movies, but my brother loves romance.

I love action movies; however, my brother loves romance.

I love action movies; my brother loves romance.

4. A

Simple Sentences: Simple Sentences consist of one Independent Clause.

Examples:

I graduated from college last year.

She got married to a famous actor.