

## SENTENCE STRUCTURE & CLAUSES (COMMAS)

1. What is a clause?
2. **Sentence types** & structure: diagram
3. **Example sentences from letters (your sentences!)**

## 1. What is a clause?

Definition: a subject and a verb

Example: I eat

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### Main exception:

Having eaten my dinner, I don't need to eat again.

There is no Subject... because it is here

### The point:

I went to the house by the river with my friends. = 1 clause only

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The happy man with the nice wife and children bought an apple = 1 clause

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## 2. Diagram

TYPE	EXAMPLE	RULES
SIMPLE	<p>I saw the man</p> <p><u>I like</u> cheese and butter</p> <p><u>I like</u> cheese and want butter</p> <p><i>Mrs Green was sick and underwent surgery</i></p>	<p><b><u>1 independent</u></b> clause</p> <p>Stands alone / doesn't need another <u>clause</u></p>
COMPOUND	<p><u>Must have</u> comma</p> <p>Mrs Green is sick, <b>and</b> she underwent surgery</p> <p><b>Conjunction must go here</b></p> <p>And, or, but, yet, nor, so, because, however*</p> <p><del>As a result of</del>, <del>although</del>, <del>if</del>, <del>while</del>,</p>	<p><b>2+ independent clauses</b></p> <p><b>You must have a comma</b></p>
COMPLEX	<p><u>Although</u> it is raining, I will go out for a walk</p> <p><u>If</u> Aneel wins the lottery, he will save it all for himself</p> <p><u>While</u> Alain teaches, Paul is on holiday</p> <p><u>Despite being tall</u>, Paul wasn't able to reach the coconut</p> <p>When I pass OET, I will have a party</p> <p>I like pizza, which is tasty</p>	<p><b>Dependent clause</b></p> <p><b>Needs another independent clause to finish the idea</b></p> <p><b>No conjunction</b></p>

Your sentences:

Type?

COMPOUND:

Mr Green feels down, yet he sometimes has suicidal thoughts

COMPOUND

On 19<sup>th</sup> May, Mr Jones visited our clinic, and he stated that he had been experiencing strange pains in his fingertips.

COMPOUND

Linking phrase

On examination today, she was found with chest pain associated with mild dyspnea, and she was prescribed medication

COMPOUND:

His examination was unremarkable, and omeprazole was prescribed.

COMPOUND

He has implemented some of the lifestyle changes, however, he has not completed them

Exception to rule

I am writing regarding Mr Robert England, who was admitted to our hospital recently for open stent graft surgery following abdominal aortic aneurysm\*

She stopped smoking one year ago, however, she has increased alcohol consumption, and she has a sedentary lifestyle.

How many clauses in the sentence? 2

COMPOUND

He presented to us complaining about his ongoing bowel issues on 1st August 2018, and a bowel cancer screen test was performed.

COMPOUND

she takes losartan, 50 mg, orally, every night, atorvastatin, 40 mg, aspirin, 100 mg, **and** as a result she takes omeprazole 20 mg for dyspepsia, **and** all of the above are taken once a day, orally.

Linking phrase

I watch too much TV. **As a result**, my eyes hurt  
I watch too much TV. **As a result of that**, my eyes hurt

Linking phrase

Apart from **that**, I will eat.

SIMPLE: Mr England underwent open stent graft surgery successfully.

COMPLEX:

as a result of effective care post-operatively[dependent clause] , he is recovering well, **and** he made good progress

