

KINDS OF SENTENCES

In the English language, four kinds of sentences are used:

SIMPLE SENTENCES consist of main clause (or an independent clause) and no subordinate clauses (or dependent clauses).

EX:

Tim walks.

COMPOUND SENTENCES consist of two or more main clauses (or independent clauses) and no subordinate clauses (or dependent clauses).

EX:

Tim walks, and he stops at the park.

COMPLEX SENTENCES contain one main clause (or independent clause) and one or more subordinate clauses (or dependent clauses).

EX:

When Tim walks, he loves to stop at the park.

COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCES contain two main clauses (or independent clauses) with at least one subordinate clause (or dependent clause). Both compound and complex sentences are combined to form a compound-complex sentence.

EX:

When Tim walks, he loves to stop at the park, and he rests on a bench.