

Sentence Types at a Glance

Simple Sentence

One independent clause

I enjoy watching the Discovery Channel.

Compound Sentence

Two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction

I enjoy watching the Discovery Channel, but I have homework to finish.

Complex Sentence

One independent clause plus one or more dependent (subordinate) clauses formed by a subordinate conjunction or a relative pronoun

While I was watching my show, I realized that I forgot to feed my dog.

Compound-Complex Sentence

Two or more independent clauses plus one or more dependent (subordinate) clauses formed by a subordinate conjunction or a relative pronoun

Whenever I think about my future, I think about all the places I want to visit, and I instantly feel hopeful.