

# Sentence Structure

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# Sentence Structure Notes

**Take out your notebook and a writing utensil!**

# Subject

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Who or what the sentence is about

**Example Sentence:** The dog ate a treat.

**Subject:** The dog

# Verb

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What the subject is doing

**Example Sentence:** The dog ate a treat.

**Verb:** ate

# Independent Clause

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- A group of words that has a subject, a verb, and expresses a complete thought
- Can stand on its own

**Example: I like pizza.**

# Dependent Clause/ Subordinate Clause

- A group of words that has a subject and a verb, but does NOT express a complete thought
- Can only exist with an independent clause

## Examples:

- After I ate pizza...
- ...so I wouldn't have homework
- Since the Panthers won...

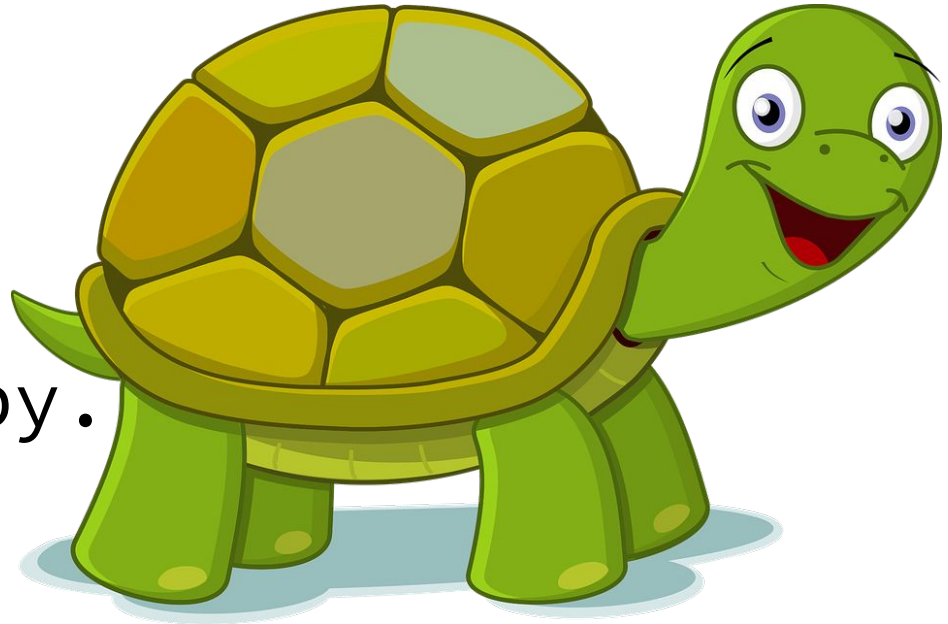
# Simple Sentence

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Has one independent clause

Example:

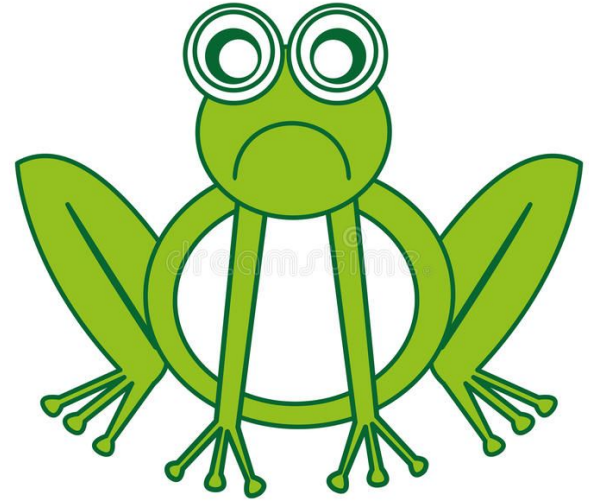
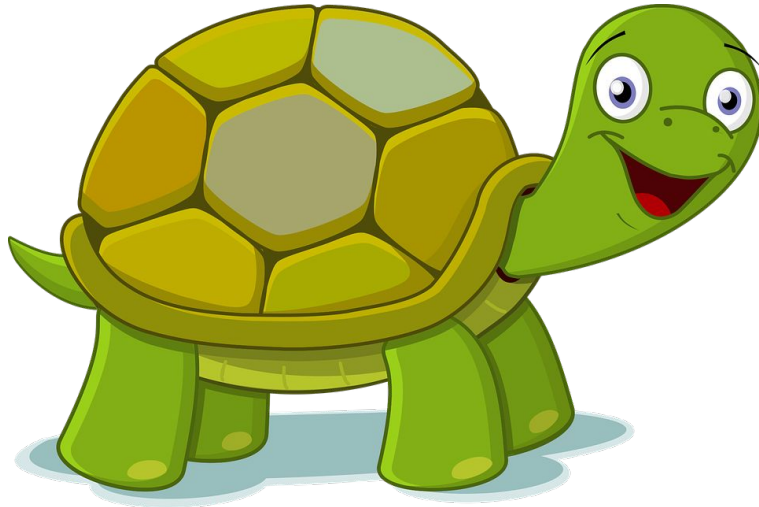
The turtle is happy.



# Compound Sentence

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Has TWO independent clauses



## Example:

The turtle is happy, but the frog is sad.



# Complex Sentence

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Has one independent clause

AND one dependent clause



**Example:** Since my mom is a dentist, she makes me floss a lot.

( **Independent**, **Dependent** )

# Compound-Complex Sentence

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Has two independent clauses AND one dependent clause

**Example:** Since my mom is a dentist, she makes me floss a lot and I hate it.

( Independent, Dependent )

Which type of sentence is it?

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The sun is shining.

Which type of sentence is it?

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The sun is shining.

**SIMPLE**

Which type of sentence is it?

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When I went to the beach, the sun was out, so I put on my sunglasses.

Which type of sentence is it?

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When I went to the beach, the sun was out, so I put on my sunglasses.

**COMPOUND-COMPLEX**

Which type of sentence is it?

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When the sun is out, I wear  
sunglasses and sunscreen.

Which type of sentence is it?

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When the sun is out, I wear  
sunglasses and sunscreen.

**COMPLEX**



Which type of sentence is it?

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The sun is shining and the sky  
is blue.

Which type of sentence is it?

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The sun is shining and the sky  
is blue.

**COMPOUND**