

# Six Traits: Sentence Fluency Using Sentence Variety

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Notebook - Writing Activity

\*Download PDF - Kinds of Sentences PDF & Types of Sentences

# Sentence Fluency

- Inviting to a reader
- Varied sentence length
- Purposeful sentence beginnings
- Varied sentence beginnings
- Varied sentence kinds
- Varied sentence types



# Sentence Kinds

- Declarative - makes a statement .
- Interrogative - asks a question ?
- Imperative - makes a command .
- Exclamatory - communicates strong emotion or surprise !
- Conditional - expresses wishes (if/then statements) .

# Types of Sentences – Simple

- *A simple sentence has a subject, a verb, and expresses a complete thought. It has only one independent clause.*



For example, you might write...

- *The **snow** **fell** down in large flakes and **stuck** to my windshield. (single subject – snow; compound predicate – fell and stuck)*



# Types of Sentences – Compound

- *Compound sentences are two independent clauses joined by a comma and coordinating conjunction (FANBOY) or joined by a semicolon.*



For example, you might write...

- **The rain came down in torrents, and the wind blew it in sheets across the highway.**
- **It rained and it rained.**

# Types of Sentences – Complex

- *Complex sentences contain ONE independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.*

**Note that the independent clauses are in red.**

For example, you might write...

- When the rain stops, **I will go jump in puddles.**
- Although my mother may become angry, **I will jump in puddles until my shoes are wet because I am so happy that spring is finally here!**
  - Note the commas





Dependent clauses use subordinate conjunctions (p. 544 in *Patterns*)

- After, before, since, until, when, whenever, while (time)
- As, because, since, so that (cause or effect)
- Even if, if, unless (condition)
- Although, even though, though (contrast)

## Types of Sentences – Compound-complex

- *A compound-complex sentence contains TWO or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses.*

**Note that the independent clauses are in red.**

For example, you might write...

- Because I jumped around in the rain puddles, **I caught a bad cold, and I developed pneumonia right before the second semester of school started.**



More info...

[TED-Ed video “Comma Story”](#)

Punctuation Pattern Sheet – on  
Writing Foldable

label simple, compound, complex  
sentence types

# Types of Sentences – Writer's Inc. 554.2

- Your tasks:
  - Download the PDF from WRITERS INC p. 554.2
  - A Google Form is in Google Classroom. Please complete and submit the Google Form.
- Google Form – [Types of Sentences](#)



# *Super Sentence*

In your notebook,

Create a super sentence. This sentence must include the clause “I went for a walk”.

This is only ONE sentence. Make it super!

## In your notebook...

- Tell me in your words what sentence fluency is **AND** how you will be more aware of your use of fluency in your writing.