#### SENTENCE STRUCTURE: SENTENCE TYPES

#### **SENTENCE TYPES**

- Simple
- Compound
- Complex
- Compound-Complex

#### BASIC ELEMENTS OF EVERY SENTENCE

SUBJECT

**PREDICATE** 

A cat

is sleeping on the ground

#### **BASIC ELEMENTS**

S. + V. + O.

**SUBJECT** 

**PREDICATE** 





Mary

plays tennis.



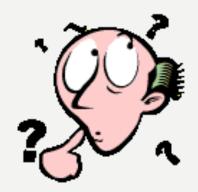


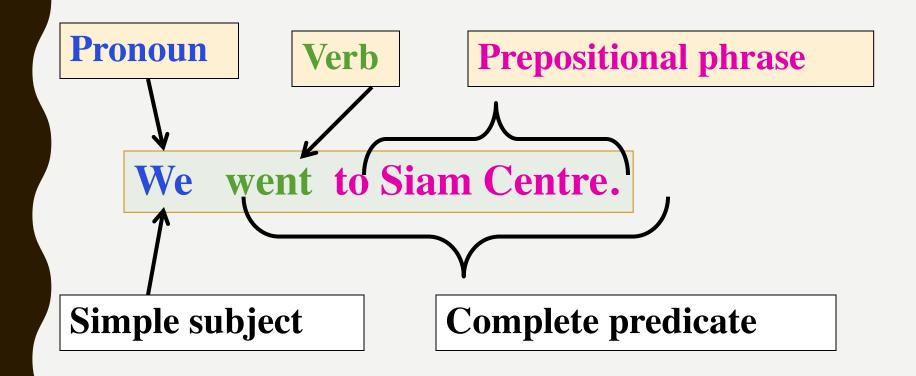
A simple sentence has one subject and one predicate.



Observe how a simple sentence is constructed:

We went to Siam Centre yesterday.







#### **PREDICATE**





Mary

plays tennis.

one subject







**Tom and Mary** 

play tennis.

#### **Compound Subject**



&





**Tom and Mary** 

play tennis and swim

#### **Compound Subject**



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#### **Compound Predicate**



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## SIMPLE SENTENCE WITH COMPOUND SUBJECT

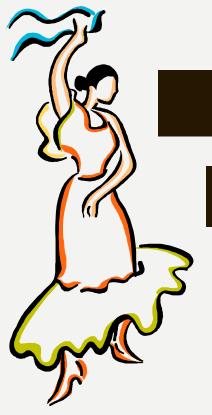
Tom and Mary play tennis.

# SIMPLE SENTENCE WITH COMPOUND SUBJECT AND COMPOUND PREDICATE

Tom and Mary play tennis and swim.

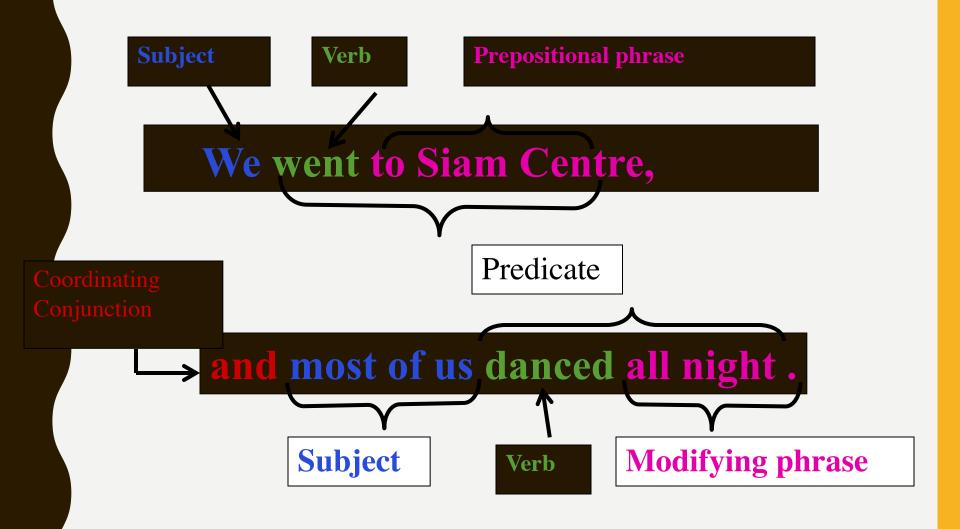
- A compound sentence has more than one part that can stand alone (independent clauses).
- Independent clauses are connected by coordinating conjunctions,
   conjunctive adverbs or a semi-colon.

We + went to Siam Centre, and most of us + danced all night.



We went to Siam Centre, and

most of us danced all night.



## COMPOUND SENTENCE USE OF COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Kru Tarn

love a cat

**SUBJECT** 

**PREDICATE** 

All students

amd

love a cat

SUBJECT

**PREDICATE** 

Гот

swims,







Mary

plays tennis.





## COMPOUND SENTENCE: COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

**FOR** 

**AND** 

**NOR** 

**BUT** 

OR

**YET** 

**SO** 

## COMPOUND SENTENCE: COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

#### Tom swims, and Mary plays tennis.

Clause 1

Independent

Clause 2

Independent

## COMPOUND SENTENCE: COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

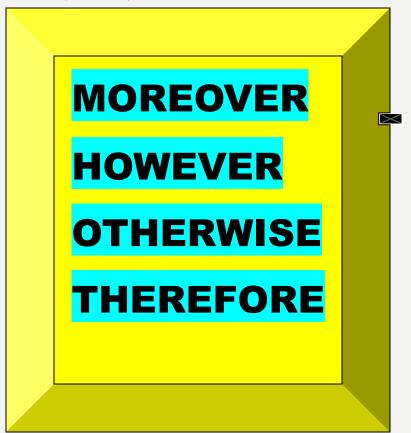
Tom swims, and Mary plays tennis.

Comma before "and" in compound sentences!



## COMPOUND SENTENCE: CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS

I walk so quickly, however I am late.



## COMPOUND SENTENCE: CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS

Bob is handsome; moreover, he is rich.

Clause 1

Independent

Clause 2

Independent

## COMPOUND SENTENCE: CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS

Bob is handsome; moreover, he is rich.

Note: Semicolon before conjunctive adverb and comma after conjunctive adverb!



## CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS "FLOAT"

• Conjunctive adverbs are sometimes called "floating" adverbs because they can be positioned at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of a clause.

## CONJUNCTIVE ADVERB: AT THE BEGINNING, IN THE MIDDLE, AT THE END

Bob is handsome; moreover, he is rich.

Bob is handsome; he is moreover, rich.

Bob is handsome; he is rich moreover.

#### **SEMICOLONS**

 "If the relation between the ideas expressed in the main clauses is very close and obvious without a conjunction, you can separate the clauses with a semicolon" (Little, Brown Handbook, 9th Edition, p. 361).

### COMPOUND SENTENCE: SENICOLON

Tom has benefited from his exercise program he is slim and energetic.

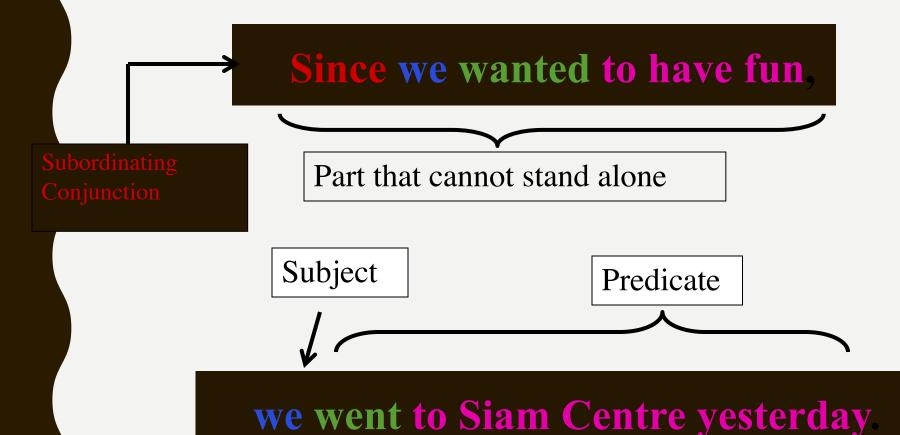
 A complex sentence has at least two parts: one that can stand alone and another one that cannot

 The part that cannot stand alone is linked to the rest of the sentence by a subordinating conjunction

Since my boyfriend and I wanted to have fun,

we went to San Juan yesterday.





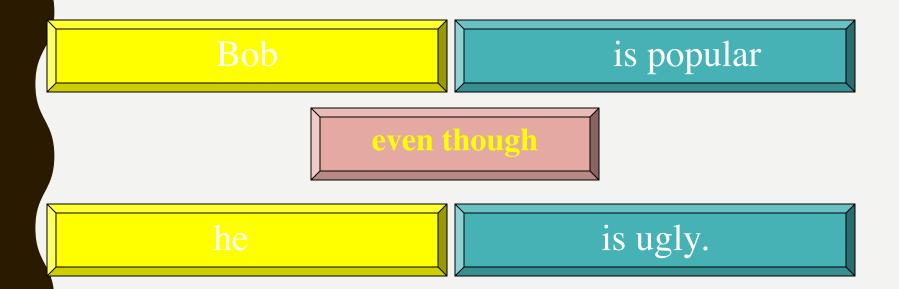
**SUBJECT** 

**PREDICATE** 

even though

**SUBJECT** 

**PREDICATE** 



## COMPLEX SENTENCE: SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

The most common subordinating conjunctions are "after," "although," "as," "because," "before," "how," "if," "once," "since," "than," "that," though," "till," "until," "when," "where," "whether," and while."

### COMPLEX SENTENCE: SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Bob is popular even though he is ugly.

Clause 1

Clause 2

Independent

Dependent

### COMPLEX SENTENCE: SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Even though Bob is ugly, he is popular.

Clause 1

Dependent

Clause 2

Independent

## COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCE

#### **Compound-Complex Sentence**

• This type of sentence has more than one part that can stand alone, and at least one that cannot.

Conjunctions link the different parts of this sentence.

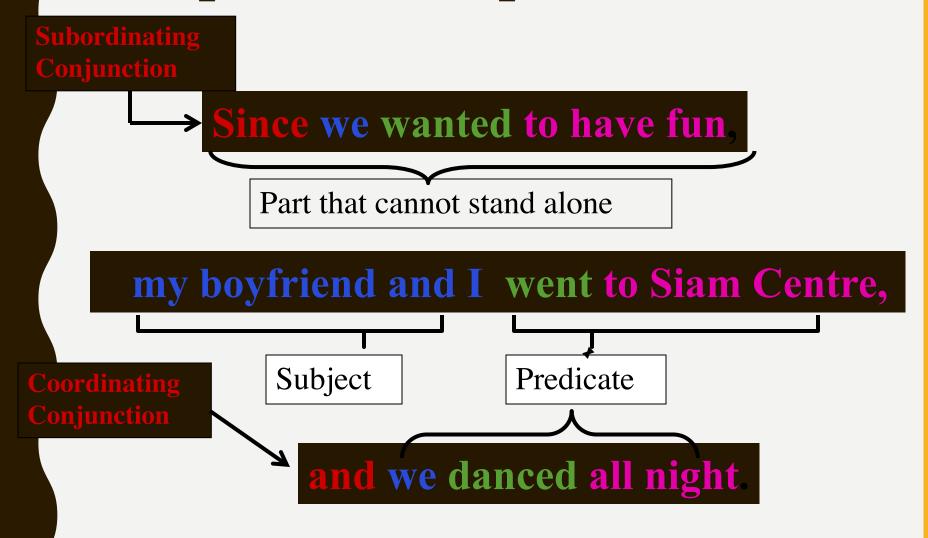
# COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCE

Since we wanted to have fun,

my boyfriend and I went to Siam Centre yesterday,

and we danced all night.

#### **Compound-Complex Sentence**



# COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCE

is popular necause is good looking, is not very happy.

### TYPES OF SENTENCES

It may be helpful to remember them in this way:

Type of sentence	Independent Clauses	Subordinate Clauses
Simple	One	None
Compound	Two or more	None
Complex	One	One or more
Compound- Complex	Two or more	One or more

# EXERCISES

SAY IF THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES ARE: SIMPLE, COMPOUND, COMPLEX OR COMPOUND-COMPLEX.

- I. The bell rang. 1
- 2. Bridget ran the first part of the race, and Tara biked the second part. 2
- 3. He stands at the bottom of the cliff while the climber moves up the rock. 3
- 4. The skier turned and jumped. 1
- 5. Naoki passed the test because he studied hard and understood the material. 4

### **ANSWERS**

- I. Simple
- 2. Compound
- 3. Complex
- 4. Simple
- 5. Compound-complex

- I. Because Kayla has so much climbing experience, we asked her to lead our group. 3
- 2. You and I need piano lessons. 1
- 3. I planned to go to the hockey game, but I couldn't get tickets. 2
- 4. Dorothy likes white water rafting, but she also enjoys kayaking. 2
- 5. There are many problems to solve before this program can be used, but engineers believe that they will be able to solve them soon.

### **ANSWERS**

- I. Complex
- 2. Simple
- 3. Compound
- 4. Compound
- 5. Compound-complex

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