

Complex Sentences

A complex sentence combines an independent clause with one or more dependent clauses. A complex sentence always has a **subordinating conjunction**.

For example:

Scott wore his tennis shoes, **because he was playing** tennis.

complex sentence =
main clause + conjunction +
dependent clause



Compound Sentences

A compound sentence contains two independent clauses, joined by a **coordinating conjunction**.

For example:

Scott was playing tennis, **so Mary went** for a walk.

compound sentence =
main clause + conjunction +
main clause

