

Simple and Compound Sentences

- A sentence is a group of words that expresses a complete thought and has a subject and predicate.
- A subject (noun or pronoun) names the person, place, thing, or idea that a sentence is about. It answers the question: Who or what is the sentence about?
- A predicate is a group of words that tells something about the subject or what the subject does. It answers: What does the sentence say about the subject? What does the subject do?
- A simple sentence is made up a group of words that expresses one complete thought and has a subject and predicate.
- A sentence fragment does not express a complete thought and is missing a subject and/or predicate.
- Connect two simple sentences in a compound sentence with a comma after the first sentence followed by one of the coordinating conjunctions: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*. A way to remember these coordinating conjunctions is the acronym **FANBOYS**.
- Use the coordinating conjunction that best shows the relationship between the ideas in each simple sentence.