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**DOWNLOADABLE HANDOUT
TOPIC: Types of Sentences**

Sentence:

A sentence is a group of words that expresses a complete thought, idea, or statement and typically contains a subject and a predicate.

In other words, a sentence is a unit of language that conveys a meaning or message and is usually punctuated with a period (.), question mark (?), or exclamation point (!) at the end.

Examples:

- Do you know the route to the City Cinema?
- What an amazing performance our athletes showed today!
- I have decided to give away all my money to the NGO.

Types of Sentences:

There are four types of sentences based on their function:

1. **Declarative sentence:** A statement that provides information or makes a claim.

Example: The sky is blue.

2. **Interrogative sentence:** A sentence that asks a question.

Example: What time is it?

3. **Imperative sentence:** A sentence that gives a command or makes a request.

Example: Pass me the salt.

4. **Exclamatory sentence:** A sentence that expresses strong emotion or surprise.

Example: Wow, what a beautiful sunset!

There are four types of sentences based on their structure:

1. Simple Sentence: A simple sentence consists of one independent clause that contains a subject and a predicate, and expresses a complete thought.

Examples: I love to read books.

The mangoes are ripe and juicy.

2. Compound Sentence: A compound sentence consists of two or more independent clauses that are joined by any of the coordinating conjunctions (including for, and, nor, but, or, yet) or a semicolon.

Examples: I like to read books, and my sister likes to watch movies.

This dog is very loyal to my father; he sits at the station daily to receive him.

3. Complex Sentence: A complex sentence consists of one independent clause and at least one dependent clause. A dependent clause cannot stand alone as a sentence and functions as an adjective, adverb, or noun in the sentence. These clauses are joined by any of the subordinating conjunctions to form a complex sentence.

Examples: Because I love to read books, I visit the bookshops every week.

The beggars appeared at his door in the early morning as if he was known to be generous.

4. Compound-Complex Sentence: A compound-complex sentence consists of two or more independent clauses and at least one dependent clause.

Examples:

I like to read books, but my sister prefers to watch movies, and because she loves action movies, we often end up watching them together.

Although I had studied all night for the exam, I was still nervous, but I felt relieved when I saw my best friend in the exam hall, and we both smiled at each other and then we aced the exam.

Note:

The main difference between a complex sentence and a compound-complex sentence is that a compound-complex sentence has two or more independent clauses, while a complex sentence has only one independent clause. Additionally, a compound-complex sentence has at least one dependent clause, whereas a complex sentence can have one or more dependent clauses.

Exercises:

1. Identify the correct type of sentence in each based on their function:

1. The sun is shining brightly, and the sky is clear today.

Declarative	Exclamatory	Imperative	Interrogative
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2. What time does the musical concert start in your city?

Declarative	Exclamatory	Imperative	Interrogative
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3. Wow, getting admission abroad for higher studies is so extraordinarily amazing!

Declarative	Exclamatory	Imperative	Interrogative
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4. Please, pass me the brown dish with Caesar Salad.

Declarative	Exclamatory	Imperative	Interrogative
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5. She always arrives on time for meetings and ends discussions at the decided time.

Declarative	Exclamatory	Imperative	Interrogative
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6. How many people from international corporations are attending the conference?

Declarative	Exclamatory	Imperative	Interrogative
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7. I can't believe we won the championship!

Declarative	Exclamatory	Imperative	Interrogative
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8. Don't forget to lock the doors and close the windows before you leave.

Declarative	Exclamatory	Imperative	Interrogative
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9. The restaurant near my office serves delicious Italian food.

Declarative	Exclamatory	Imperative	Interrogative
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10. Have you finished your summer holidays homework yet?

Declarative	Exclamatory	Imperative	Interrogative
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2. Identify the correct type of sentence in each based on their structure:

1. She walked to the departmental store in the central plaza.

Simple	Complex	Compound	Compound-Complex
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2. I went to the gym, but my friend went to the park.

Simple	Complex	Compound	Compound-Complex
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3. After I finish my homework, I will definitely watch a movie on Netflix.

Simple	Complex	Compound	Compound-Complex
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4. Although I love pizza, I am on a diet, so I cannot eat it, but I will make myself a salad instead.

Simple	Complex	Compound	Compound-Complex
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5. The scorching heat of the sun dried up the skin of the wanderer in the Sahara desert.

Simple	Complex	Compound	Compound-Complex
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6. If you don't study for the final exam, you will surely fail this semester.

Simple	Complex	Compound	Compound-Complex
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The Coke Studio concert was sold out this weekend, so we watched it on TV live.

Simple	Complex	Compound	Compound-Complex
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8. She drove to the beach, but the traffic was terrible, so she didn't stay long and went home early.

Simple	Complex	Compound	Compound-Complex
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9. The cat meowed at the door.

Simple

Complex

Compound

Compound-Complex

10. I burned the food because the phone rang while I was cooking dinner.

Simple

Complex

Compound

Compound-Complex