The Basics

Sentence structures add variety, interest, and impact to a text. Each sentence type is made of phrases and clauses. Clauses are groups of words that contain at least a subject and a verb.

#  Types of Clauses

| Types | Structure | Example |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Independent | * one subject
* one predicate
* complete thought that can stand alone as a sentence
 | I sold a bike to my brother. |
| Dependent | * has a subject and a verb
* incomplete thought that cannot stand alone as a sentence
 | Before I sold a bike to my brother *(what happened?)* |

# Types of Sentences

| Types | Structure | Example |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Simple | * has one independent clause
 | I sold a bike to my brother |
| Compound | * has two independent clauses
	+ two subjects
	+ two predicates
	+ clauses joined by a comma and conjunction
 | I sold a bike to my brother, and I made a good deal. |
| Complex | * has an independent clause + dependent clause(s)
 | Before I sell my bike, I need to clean it first.Except for my bike’s wheels, most of the bike was clean because I had washed it. |
| Compound-Complex | * has at least two independent clauses
* has one or two dependent clauses
 | Before I sell my bike, I need to clean it first, and I need to pay attention to the bike’s wheels. |