

Sentence Patterns

Simple Sentence

IC. Includes a **subject** and a **verb** and a **complete thought**.

It may have more than one subject or more than one verb, but not more than one complete thought.

Susan is going to the mall with her friend.

Susan and her friend are going to the mall.

Susan is driving to the mall and going to a movie.

Susan and her friend are driving to the mall and going to a movie.

Compound Sentence

IC, cc IC.

Includes a **subject + verb + complete thought, coordinating conjunction (FANBOYS)** and a **subject + verb + complete thought**.

Susan is driving to the mall, and her friend is going to a movie.

for = cause

and = addition

nor = choice

but = contrast

or = choice

yet = contrast

so = result

Complex Sentence

IC DC or DC, IC. Includes a dependent clause and an independent clause. Dependent clauses always begin with a subordinating conjunction. Subordinating conjunctions include:

after

when

whenever

before

while

though

because

where

as

since

if

unless

so that

until

although

DC, IC. After we left the football game, we drove to the mall.

IC DC. She is one of the best students because she spends a lot of time in the library.