

Proficiency in the Sentence Writing Strategy Quick Reference Guide

Simple Sentence =

- 1 independent clause
- subject and verb
- complete thought

SV	SSV
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Compound Sentence =

- 2 or more independent clauses

I, cl	I;I
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Complex Sentence =

- 1 or more independent clauses
- 1 dependent clause which begins with a subordinating conjunction and must have a subject and verb

ID	D,I
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Compound-Complex Sentence =

- 2 or more independent clauses
- 1 or more dependent clause which begins with a subordinating conjunction and must have a subject and verb

D,I,cl	D,I;I
ID,cl	ID;I
I,clID	I;ID

Coordinating Conjunctions connect equal ideas (FANBOYS)

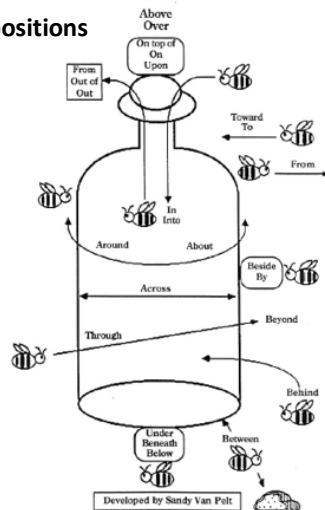
, for = because	, but = opposite
, and = added to	, or = choose one or other
, nor = not one or the other	, yet = but
	, so = get a result

Subordinating Conjunctions connect a dependent idea with an independent idea

after	because	like	though
although	before	once	unless
as	even if	provided	until
as if	even though	rather than	when
as long as	if	since	whenever
as soon as	in order that	so that	while
as though	just as	than	

A Bee Flies _____ the Bottle

Prepositions



Helping Verbs

C	h	a	d	B.	S	w	i	m	23
can	has	am	do	be	shall	was	is	may	
could	have	are	did	been	should	were		might	
	had		does	being		will		must	
						would			

o = linking

Infinitives =
to + verb
CROSS OUT
(not verbs)

~~to swim~~

Noun phrase = simple subject & words that describe the subject (identify only the subject)

Verb phrase = action or state of being verb & all helping verbs (identify the entire verb phrase)

verb action =
physical or mental

NOT & NEVER = adverbs
CROSS OUT (not verbs)

Pick a formula

Explore words to fit the formula

Note the words

Search for verb and subject

- ✓ capital to begin
- ✓ end punctuation
- ✓ sentence makes sense