

Give Information about Yourself
(Informational Writing)
Simple Sentences
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A simple sentence, also called an independent clause, contains a subject and a verb, and it expresses a complete thought. In the following simple sentences, subjects are in red, and verbs are in green.

- A. Some **students** **like** to study in the mornings.
- B. **Ahmad** and **Ali** **play** football every afternoon.
- C. **Ali** **goes** to the library and **studies** every day.

These are all simple sentences. Note that sentence B contains a compound subject, and sentence C contains a compound verb. Simple sentences, therefore, contain a subject and verb and express a complete thought, but they can also contain a compound subjects or verbs.

A **simple sentence** has the most basic elements that make it a sentence: a subject, a verb, and a completed thought.

Examples of simple sentences include the following:

□ *Yusuf waited for the train.*

"Yusuf" = subject, "waited" = verb

□ *The train was late.*

"The train" = subject, "was" = verb

A compound sentence contains two independent clauses joined by a coordinator. The coordinators are as follows: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*. Coordinators are always preceded by a comma.

I tried to speak Spanish, **and** my friend tried to speak English.

She lives in New York, **but** her family lives in London.

You can take the train, **or** you can take a taxi.

Examples:

1. I work in a post office.
2. Sami works in a bank.
3. They live in Khobar.
4. I eat breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
5. She goes to work at 9:00 a.m.
6. Ahmad plays basketball every Friday.
7. Basmah starts class at 10:00.
8. I don't drink coffee.

Subjects followed by verb in base form:

I like rice.

You look nice.

They think twice.

We play football.

Chefs use spice.

The boys ring the doorbell.

Children sing on special occasions.

Some people bring gifts to parties.

Bees make honey.

Subjects with verb in - s form:

She cooks well.

He goes to school on time.

It takes time.

Mom bakes pies.

Water slakes thirst.

Asma'a loves dates.

Hassan drives tractors.

Grandpa waters the plants.

The cat eats fish.