

Simple Sentence

(one idea that makes sense on its own; **capital letter** and **full stop / question mark / exclamation mark**)

The temperature is freezing!

Compound Sentence

(two simple sentences joined together with **and**, **but**, **or**, sometimes **so**)

The temperature is freezing **but** I'm fully prepared!

Complex Sentence 1

(two simple sentences joined together with any **blue connectives**).

The weather is freezing **although** it looks as though it will be warmer tomorrow.

Blue connectives:

...because...

...so that...

...although...

...while...

...after...

...as...

...since...

...before...

...unless...

...even if...

Complex Sentence 2

(a sentence which has been started with a **blue connective** or a **green starting connective**; needs a comma).

Although it looks as though it will be warmer tomorrow, the weather is freezing today.

To summarise, it is important that you consider both sides of the argument before you form an opinion.

Green starting connectives:

For ordering

Firstly,

Secondly,

Thirdly,

Finally,

Next,

Afterwards,

For illustrating

Therefore,

Furthermore,

Meanwhile,

Alternatively,

For summarising

In conclusion,

To summarise,

Above all,

As already stated,