Sentence Types/ Sentence Variation:

Sentence variation involves alterning sentence structure and length to create a rhythm in writing.

There are four types of sentences:

- Simple Sentences.
- Compound Sentences.
- Complex Sentences.
- Compound- Complex Sentences.

Simple Sentences:

- **A simple sentence** has only the most elemental building blocks of a sentence; a subject and a verb in a complete thought. A simple sentence is also called **an independent clause.**

- **Eg:**

- Jennah everyday goes to library to study.

- **types of simple sentences:**

- Compound Verbs and Compound Subjects.

- Single Subject and a Single Verb.

- **Compound verbs and compound subjects:**
- Some sentences have a single subject and two or more verbs and vice versa.
- Eg:
- <u>Jack</u> and <u>Jill</u> went up a hill.
- Alex <u>walked</u> and <u>looked</u> around.

- **Single subject and a single verb:**
- This type of sentence has only one subject and one verb.
- Eg:
- He sold it for a high price on Amazon.
- I quickly put on my red winter jaket, waterproof boots, homemade mittens, and handknit scarf.

Compound Sentences:

- **A compound sentence** has two independent clauses, or two simple sentences. The independent clauses are usually joined with **a coordinating conjunction** and **a comma**.

- **The coordinating conjunctions:**

F A N B O Y S

For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So

Eg:

My uncle and his son love to watch American Idol, but I have never seen the point of the show

Complex Sentences:

A complex sentence contains one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses. The dependent clause begins with **a subordinating conjunction.**

Subordinating Conjunctions:

After, although, though, as, because, before, if, even though, in order that, once, provided that, since, so that, than, that, unless, untill, when, while... etc.

Eg:

Because her teeth were chattering in fear, lynda clenched her jaw muscle while waiting for her turn to audition.
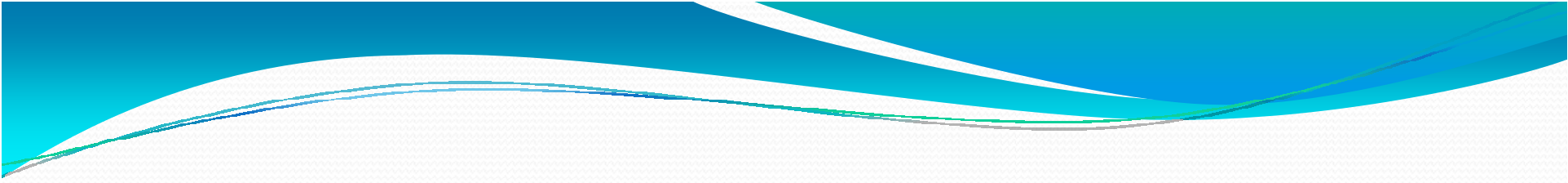
Compound- Complex sentences:

- **A compound- complex sentence** contains more than one independent clause and at least one dependent clause.

- **Eg:**

- Because Bill forgot to pay his electric bill, his electricity was cut off, and all the ice cream in his freezer melted.

- The man believed in the system, and he knew that justice would prevail after the murderer was sent to jail.

Exercise:

- Identify whether the sentences are simple, compound, complex or compound- complex:

1. NCIS: LA is my favorite TV show, but I also like SCI.
2. After a long drive, it feels good to stretch your legs.
3. We looked on the top of the refrigerator, where Jennah will often hide a bag of choclate chip cookies.
4. I really enjoyed the book until my brother spoiled it for me.
5. Although she thought she was a good driver, she got a lot of tickets for speeding.

6. Many scientists believe, and many politicians agree with their assessment, that climate change will have a major effect on the economy.

7. Regardless of his intensions, what james did constitutes a crime.

8. I arrived at the office at 9 o'clock, and my assistant came 10 minutes later.

9. After the teacher chose groups, John and Sara were selected as partners for a project, yet Sara did most of the work.

10. Megan and Matt ate too much and felt sick.

11. The purchase price of the new equipment was certainly reasonanle, but the timing of it was questionable at best.

12. Even with the weather being that nasty, the couple and their families decided to go ahead with the wedding as planned.
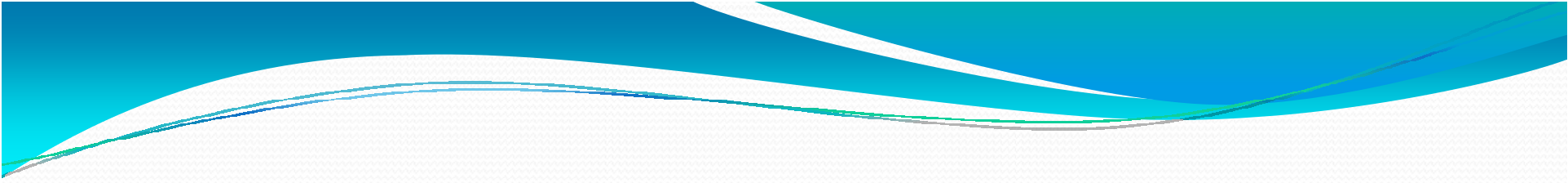
13. Bill voted against the measures because he felt that it wasn't strong enough, but he also offered to continue discussions, which we'll do next week.

14. Phill organized the meeting while Jan took care of the catering, which turned out to be the most memorable part of the afternoon.

the answer:

- 1. compound sentence (stce).
- 2. complex stce.
- 3. comlex stce.
- 4. complex stc.
- 5. complex stce.
- 6. compound- complex stce.
- 7. complex stce.
- 8. compound stce.

- 9. compound- complex stce.
- 10. simple stce.
- 11. compound stce.
- 12. complex stce.
- 13. compound- complex stce.
- 14. complex stce.