

English Language

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Sentence Structure: Sentence Types

Sentence Types

- Simple
- Compound
- Complex
- Compound-Complex

Basic Elements of Every Sentence

SUBJECT

PREDICATE

Basic Elements

SUBJECT

PREDICATE



Mary

plays tennis.

Simple Sentence

Simple Sentence

- A simple sentence has one subject and one predicate.

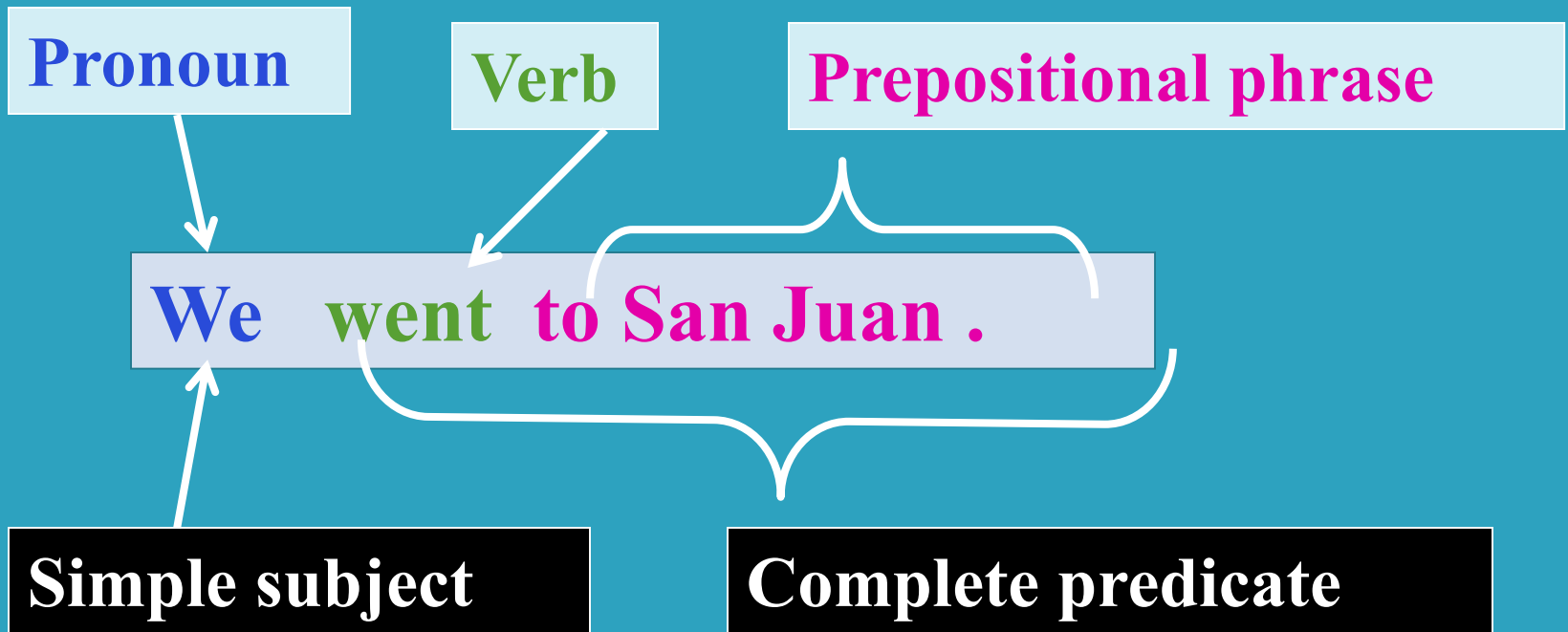


Simple Sentence

Observe how a simple sentence is constructed:

We went to San Juan yesterday.

Simple Sentence



Simple Sentence

Tom and Mary

play tennis.

Compound Subject



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Simple Sentence

Tom and Mary

play tennis and swim.

Compound Subject



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Compound Predicate

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Compound Sentence

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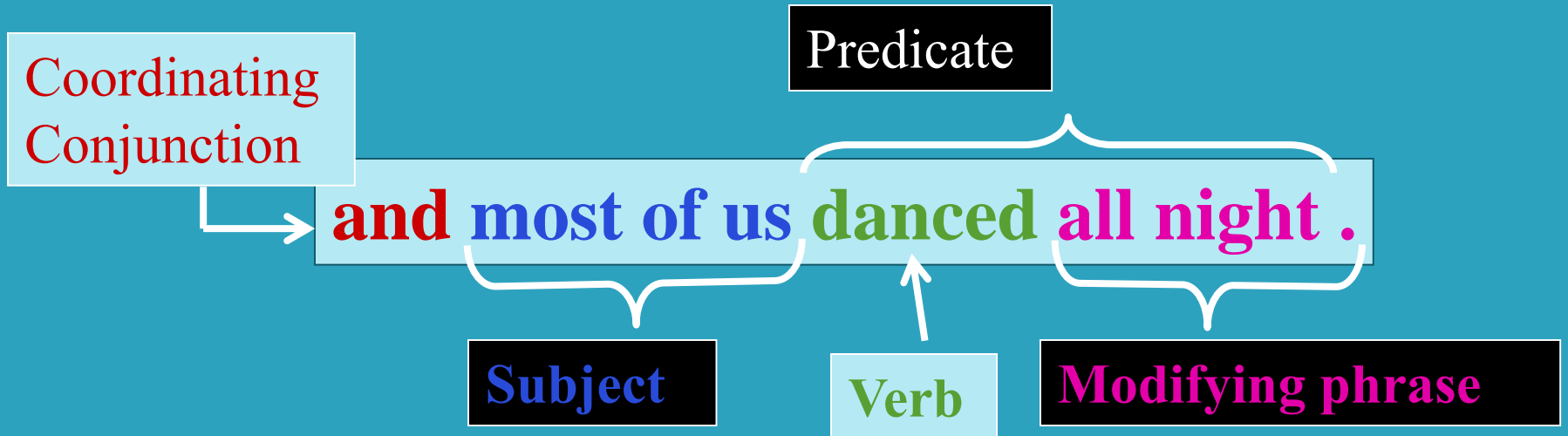
- A compound sentence has more than one part that can stand alone (independent clauses).
- Independent clauses are connected by **coordinating conjunctions, conjunctive adverbs or a semi-colon.**

Compound Sentence

We went to San Juan, and

most of us danced all night.

Compound Sentence



Compound Sentence

Use of Coordinating Conjunctions

SUBJECT

PREDICATE

and

SUBJECT

PREDICATE

Compound Sentence

Tom



swims,

and

Mary



plays tennis.

COMPOUND SENTENCE: *COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS*

FOR

AND

NOR

BUT

OR

YET

SO

COMPOUND SENTENCE:
COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Tom swims, **and** Mary plays tennis.

Clause 1

Independent

Clause 2

Independent

COMPOUND SENTENCE: *COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS*

Tom swims, **and** Mary plays tennis.

Comma before “and”
in compound
sentences!



COMPOUND SENTENCE:
CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS

MOREOVER

HOWEVER

OTHERWISE

THEREFORE

COMPOUND SENTENCE: *CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS*

Bob is handsome; **moreover**, he is rich.

Clause 1

Independent

Clause 2

Independent

COMPOUND SENTENCE: *CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS*

Bob is handsome; **moreover**, he is rich.

Note: Semicolon
before conjunctive
adverb and comma
after conjunctive adverb!



CONJUNCTIVE ADVERB:

AT THE BEGINNING, IN THE MIDDLE, AT THE END

Bob is handsome; **moreover**, he is rich.

Bob is handsome; he is, **moreover**, rich.

Bob is handsome; he is rich, **moreover**.

COMPOUND SENTENCE:
SEMICOLON

Tom has benefited from his exercise program; he is slim and energetic.

Complex Sentence

Complex Sentence

- A complex sentence has at least two parts: one that can stand alone and another one that cannot
- The part that cannot stand alone is linked to the rest of the sentence by a **subordinating conjunction**

Complex Sentence

Since my friend and I wanted to have fun,

we went to San Juan yesterday.

Complex Sentence

Since we wanted to have fun,

Subordinating
Conjunction

Part that cannot stand alone

Subject

Predicate

we went to San Juan yesterday.

Complex Sentence

SUBJECT

PREDICATE

even though

SUBJECT

PREDICATE

Complex Sentence

Bob

is popular

even though

he

is ugly.

COMPLEX SENTENCE: *SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS*

The most common subordinating conjunctions are "after," "although," "as," "because," "before," "how," "if," "once," "since," "than," "that," "though," "till," "until," "when," "where," "whether," and "while."

COMPLEX SENTENCE: *SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS*

*Bob is popular **even though** he is ugly.*

Clause 1

Independent

Clause 2

Dependent

COMPLEX SENTENCE:
SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Even though Bob is ugly, he is popular.

Clause 1

Dependent

Clause 2

Independent

Compound-Complex Sentence

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- This type of sentence has more than one part that can stand alone, and at least one that cannot.
- Conjunctions link the different parts of this sentence.

Compound-Complex Sentence

Since we wanted to have fun,

my boyfriend and I went to San Juan yesterday,

and we danced all night.

Compound-Complex Sentence

**Subordinating
Conjunction**

Since we wanted to have fun,

Part that cannot stand alone

my boyfriend and I went to San Juan,

Subject

Predicate

**Coordinating
Conjunction**

and we danced all night.

Compound-Complex Sentence

Mike

is popular

because

he

is good looking,

but

he

is not very happy.