The [parts] of a sentence

The building blocks of a basic sentence
The [parts] of a KERNEL sentence

- What is a kernel sentence?
The Kernel Sentence

- The kernel is the smallest possible sentence containing only a [subject] and a [verb]

- Example: *Bob runs.*
The kernel parts

Bob runs.
**Noun + Verb**

- **Noun**: A word used to describe a person, place or thing. A noun is always the subject of the sentence but there may be more than one noun in a sentence.

- **Verb**: What action the noun takes during the sentence. Again there may be more than one verb in a sentence.
Pronouns

Words used to replace or refer to nouns.

Some common pronouns:

They, we, our, she, it, her, his...
The parts of a [simple] sentence

What is a simple sentence?
Parts of a [simple] sentence

- A simple sentence is one that does not contain subordinate or coordinate clauses.
- A simple sentence is one independent clause.
The simple parts

The slim boy ran quickly.
The [simple] parts

☐ Adjective
  Describes the noun or pronoun. Usually reserved for pronouns.

☐ Adverb
  Describes the action taking place in the sentence.
The simple parts

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The [simple] parts

- **Noun**
  Who or what the sentence is about.

- **Pronoun**
  Stand-in for a noun that creates variety. Ex) He, she, it...

- **Adjective**
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Adding the Preposition

The slim boy ran quickly through the alley.
Preposition

- Used to show the relationship (often positional) between nouns.

*Through* is the preposition

*Through the alley* shows the relationship between the boy and the alley.
Name that type

☐ A bargain is something you can't use at a price you can't resist.

~Franklin P. Jones
Name that type

☐ Tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he'll have to touch it to be sure.

~Murphy's Law
What is a Compound Sentence?

- Two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction.
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In other words...

- A compound sentence must have a subject and verb on both sides of the conjunction in order to be complete.
Coordinating Conjunction

- For
- And
- Nor
- But
- Or
- Yet
- So

These seven conjunctions join two simple sentences together to form a compound sentence.
How is it that one match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box of matches to start a campfire?

~Christy Whitehead
Name that type

☐ Never do anything that you wouldn't want to explain to the paramedics.

~Author Unknown
When the plane you are on is late, the plane you want to transfer to is on time.

~Author Unknown
Subordinating Conjunctions

- Help to create a subordinate clause, or a clause that *depends on* an independent clause in order to make sense.

- The basis of a complex sentence
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Subordinate Clause

- Also called dependent clause
- A subordinate clause cannot stand alone as a sentence because it does not provide a complete thought.

- Ex) After Bob runs away.
Complex Sentence

- A dependent clause and an independent clause joined together in a sentence.
Examples

- The place where I got married is now a Police Station.
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- Independent clause
Examples

- The place where I got married is now a Police Station.

- Dependent clause