

Course n° 01 :

Simple Sentences

If you're just starting to learn English, you may have heard about sentence types. But what exactly is a simple sentence and how is it different from others? In this reference, we'll go over the definition of a simple sentence, different types of simple sentences and how to identify them,

What is a Simple Sentence?

A simple sentence has only a single independent clause. Independent clauses are groups of words which contain a subject and a [predicate](#) - they express a complete thought. In other words, a simple sentence is a sentence that has one subject and one [verb](#) and expresses a complete idea. Here's an example of a simple sentence: "She sings." This sentence contains one subject ("she") and one verb ("sings") and expresses a complete thought. It's important to note that a simple sentence can be longer than one word, but it must still only contain one independent clause.

Examples of Simple Sentence Structures

There are many ways to make a simple sentence. Here are a few examples:

- **Subject + Verb:** "He runs."
- **Subject + Verb + Object:** "She reads books."
- **Subject + Verb + Complement:** "He is tall."
- **Subject + Verb + Adverb:** "They eat quickly."

As you can see, the structure of a simple sentence can vary, but it must always contain one subject and one predicate.

Different Types of Simple Sentences

There are four types of simple sentences: declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory.

1- Declarative Sentences

Declarative sentences make statements or declarations. They end with a period.

Example: "They are eating dinner."

2- Interrogative Sentences

Interrogative sentences ask questions. They end with a question mark.

Example: "Are you coming to the party?"

3- Imperative Sentences

Imperative sentences give commands or make requests. They can end with a period.

Example: "Please pass the salt."

4- Exclamatory Sentences

Exclamatory sentences express strong emotion. They end with an exclamation mark.

Example: "What a beautiful day!"

How to Identify Simple Sentences in English

Identifying simple sentences in English is fairly straightforward. Look for sentences that contain one subject and one predicate and express a complete thought. Here are a few examples:

- "I love pizza."
- "She dances well."
- "They play foot-ball every Saturday."

Each of these sentences contains one subject and one predicate and expresses a complete thought. Therefore, they are all examples of simple sentences.

Subject and Predicate

As we mentioned earlier, a simple sentence consists of one subject and one predicate. The subject is the person, idea, place, or thing that your sentence is about. The predicate is the action or state of being that the subject is performing or experiencing.

For example: "The dog barked." In this sentence, "The dog" is our subject and "barked" is the predicate. The subject informs us what the sentence is about, and the predicate tells us what the subject is doing.