

4.3.1.1 Simple vs. Complex Sentences

Sentence/phrase types				
Type	Elements			Examples
Simple sentence	only one independent clause [S+V]			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The lions</u> eat. [S+V] OR • <u>The lion</u> eats the deer. [S+V+O]
Simple noun phrase	[Noun/Pronoun]			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lions/It
Complex noun phrase	<u>Determiner</u> +premodifier + Noun + post-modifier			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The young doe that had cut its leg... • Twenty armed security guards at the old meeting place...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • article • pronoun • numeral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adjective • noun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adjectives • adverbs • relative clauses • non-finite clauses • prepositional phrases • appositive nouns 	
Complex sentence	independent clause + <i>dependent clause</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The lions that are starving</u> <u>eat</u> the deer. • <u>The lions which ate the deer</u> <u>have</u> been shot by poachers.
Compound sentence	Independent clause+ independent clause <i>May consist of more than 2 independent clauses joined by a comma, a semi-colon or a conjunction.</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lions eat the deer; they are too hungry to notice the cameras. • While the lions eat the deer, the vultures circle hopefully.
Complex-Compound sentence	Independent clause+ independent clause+ <i>dependent clause</i> <i>May consist of more than 2 independent clauses and more than one dependent clause.</i>			The lions <i>that are starving</i> eat the deer; they are too hungry to notice the cameras.