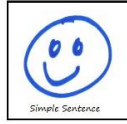


Simple, Compound, or Complex?

Test it: Break the sentence in half to form two clauses.

(A clause is a group of words that has a **SUBJECT** doing a **VERB**.)



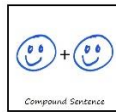
Simple: The sentence *CAN'T* break into two clauses.

Examples: Mrs Nutter loves Miaut.

Miaut eats, sleeps, and pukes all the time.

Mrs Nutter and Miaut snuggle in the nest at 8 p.m.

Mrs Nutter and her husband love and spoil Miaut.

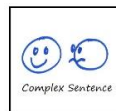


Compound: The sentence can be broken into 2 smaller independent clauses that each makes sense alone.

Examples: Mrs Nutter loves Miaut , but Miaut just eats, sleeps, and pukes.

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Mrs Nutter loves Miaut; Miaut tolerates Mrs Nutter. (See the semi-colon?)



Complex: The sentence *CAN* be broken into 2 smaller clauses, but 1 of the clauses leaves you hanging on for more explanation.

Examples: Even though Miaut only eats, sleeps, and pukes, Mrs Nutter still really loves her.

Mrs Nutter and Miaut snuggle in the nest at 8 p.m. every night because Miaut can apparently tell time.