

Sentence, Phrase and Clause

Anjali was watching television
while her brother was sleeping.

SENTENCE

A sentence is a group of words that makes
complete sense.
It consists of two parts – subject and predicate.

Watching television

PHRASE

A phrase is a group of words acting as one word.
It does not have a subject and a predicate.

Anjali was watching television.

INDEPENDENT
CLAUSE

While her brother was
watching television.

DEPENDENT
CLAUSE

A clause is a group of words containing
a subject and a predicate.

A SIMPLE SENTENCE
has only one independent clause.

My toy is broken.

A COMPOUND SENTENCE
is made up of two or more
independent clauses, joined by a
coordinating conjunction.

The passage was dark, so we
could not see anything.

A COMPLEX SENTENCE
is made up of an independent clause
and one or more dependent clauses.
Each dependent clause begins with a
subordinating conjunction.

I have to leave early because
I have to meet someone.

SUBJECT

The subject of a sentence is a
noun, pronoun or a group of
words that act as a noun.

Geeta moved the table.

It is in France.

To play professional
tennis is my ambition.

PREDICATE

The predicate of a sentence is
composed of a verb, and either an
object or a complement.

Balram kicked the ball.

Prachi seems happy.

SUBJECT AND PREDICATE

TYPES OF CLAUSES

DEPENDENT OR SUBORDINATE CLAUSE

Does not express
complete thought

Depends on another
independent clause

After I finished
my homework.

INDEPENDENT OR MAIN CLAUSE

Expresses a
complete thought

Can stand as a
complete sentence

I could not find
my pencil.

TYPES OF PHRASES

NOUN PHRASE

Noun + modifier

A short story

VERB PHRASE

Auxiliary verb + main verb

Were walking

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

Preposition + object of the preposition + modifier

Under the bed

ADJECTIVE PHRASE

Adjective + modifier

A nice blue

TYPES OF SENTENCES

DECLARATIVE SENTENCE

Makes some sort of declaration of statement

The service in that hotel is fantastic.

INTERROGATIVE SENTENCE

Asks a question

Is Rahul going to school?

IMPERATIVE SENTENCE

Makes a request or gives a command

Open the door.

Please hold the bag for me.

EXCLAMATORY SENTENCE

Expresses some strong feeling or emotion

Oh no! My new dress is ruined.