SIMPLE SENTENCES
COMPOUND SENTENCES
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COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCES

LET’S START WITH THE “BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS” OF WORD COMBINATIONS:

PHRASE: GROUP OF RELATED WORDS WITHOUT A SUBJECT & A CONJUGATED VERB  
  e.g. exempla gratia  
  i.e. id est  
  prepositional phrase: to the campus  
    prep noun  
  noun phrase: the campus; the beautiful, fantastic, lovely, phenomenal, old campus  
  adverb phrase: really very well  
  verb phrase: stopped to drive; is watching; has been playing; would have stopped  
  adjective phrase: She is an intelligent, brave, beautiful, fantastic, wonderful, gorgeous, polite, brilliant, enthusiastic woman.

CLAUSE: GROUP OF RELATED WORDS WITH A SUBJECT & A CONJUGATED VERB

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE: STANDS ALONE; SELF-SUFFICIENT; MAKES SENSE ALL BY ITSELF;
  e.g. Valentine’s Day is tomorrow.

DEPENDENT CLAUSE: CANNOT STAND ALONE; IS NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT; DOES NOT MAKE SENSE ALL BY ITSELF; BEGINS WITH A SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION
  e.g. because Valentine’s Day is tomorrow...
    WHEN, IF, WHILE, SINCE, AFTER, UNTIL, BEFORE, ALTHOUGH, THOUGH, AS, AS IF, EVEN THOUGH, UNLESS
SENTENCE TYPES:

**SIMPLE SENTENCE**  
**SS=1 IC.**

She and I got candy for Valentine’s Day.
She played and danced in the park.

**COMPOUND SENTENCE**  
**CD=2 OR MORE IC. (IC+IC>.)**

1. Tomorrow is Valentine’s Day, so I expect to receive candy and flowers from my husband.

2. Tomorrow is Valentine’s Day; I expect to receive candy and flowers from my husband.

3. Tomorrow is Valentine’s Day; therefore, I expect to receive candy and flowers from my husband.
   - therefore, = conjunctive adverb
   - however,
   - thus, (therefore)
   - consequently,

**COMPLEX SENTENCE**  
**CX=1 OR MORE DC + IC. (DC>+IC.)**

**DEPENDENT CLAUSE:** CANNOT STAND ALONE; IS NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT; DOES NOT MAKE SENSE ALL BY ITSELF; BEGINS WITH A SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION; INCOMPLETE IDEA

**DC:** because Valentine's Day is tomorrow
I will be going out because Valentine’s Day is tomorrow.

Because Valentine’s Day is tomorrow, I will be going out.

I got to the store at 10 AM, and I shopped for an hour because I had the time, but I later noticed that I missed an important meeting at 10:30 AM since I was distracted by the great items on sale. Drat!