



Grammar Card- Sentence Parts

Main Clause

A group of words that contains a verb and can stand on its own.

I was living in York, where I worked.
(main clause)

Main clause examples

- 1.) I am eating a piece of cake.
- 2.) It will be sunny today.
- 3.) There was no answer.

Subordinate Clause

A secondary clause, which depends on a main clause for meaning.

I was living in York, where I worked.
(subordinate clause)

Subordinate clause examples

- 1.) I went to visit my sister, **who has just had a baby.**
- 2.) Venice, **where we went last year,** is a beautiful city.
- 3.) We celebrated at the pub, **which was just down the road.**

Simple Sentence

A group of words which contains a verb and makes complete sense, with one main clause.

I love cats.
(main clause)

Simple sentence examples

- 1.) I went shopping.
- 2.) She grew up in London.
- 3.) I took him to the park.



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Compound Sentence

Two or more main clauses that are usually joined by a conjunction.

I love cats, but I'm allergic to cat hair.
(clause 1) (conjunction) (clause 2)

Compound sentence examples

- 1.) I went shopping and I bought some shoes.
- 2.) She grew up in London, but her family are Irish.
- 3.) I took him to the park and he enjoyed playing on the swings.

Complex Sentence

A main clause joined to one or more subordinate clauses.

I love cats, having owned several.
(main clause) (subordinate clause)

Complex sentence examples

- 1.) I went shopping, which is my favourite activity.
- 2.) She grew up in London, after her family moved from Ireland.
- 3.) I took him to the park, where he enjoyed playing on the swings.