# Sentence Type Notes

## Phrase

* A phrase is a group of words that may have nouns or verbs but does not have a subject doing a verb.

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* Examples:
* Before the first test
* After the devastation
* Between ignorance and intelligence

## Clause

* Clause is a group of words that contains a subject and a verb
* I despise individuals of low character
* Since she laughs at different pictures

# There are TWO types of clauses:

Independent (I) CAN stand alone

Dependent (D) CAN’T stand alone begins with a subordinate conjunction

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Formulas:

Simple Sentence= I

Compound Sentence= I + I (+ stand for a ; or a FANBOY)

Complex= I + D (+ stands for a punctuation mark or a subordinate conjunction)

Compound Complex= I+I+D

# STEPS

1. Look for a comma
   1. Is it followed by a FANBOY than you are dealing with a compound or a compound complex
   2. If not you are dealing with a simple or complex
2. Look for a subordinating conjunction
   1. If there is one you are dealing with a complex or compound complex