



Comparison of simple, complex and compound sentence

- **Simple sentence**
- **Complex sentence**
- **Compound sentence**

Simple sentence

- consists of **one clause only**
- all sentence elements are expressed by phrases
- *He came here after work.*

Complex sentence

- consists of **one matrix** and **at least one dependent clause**
- at least one sentence element must be expressed by a clause
- *He came here when he finished his work.*
- *When he finished his work, he came here.*

Compound sentence

- consists of **two matrix clauses** and any number of dependent clauses
- *He finished his work and (he) came here.*
- *He finished his work and came here when I asked him to.*