Simple Sentence
one *independent* clause (subject + predicate)

Ex: Sara plays sports.

       She plays sports and excels at soccer.

Compound Sentence
two or more *independent* clauses; joined by coordinating conjunction or semicolon

Ex: Jill is a good student, and her favorite subject is history.

       Jack and Jill went to the store, but they forgot to buy pencils.

       They missed class; however, they came in before school to get their assignments.

Complex Sentence
one *independent* clause + one or more *dependent* clauses

Ex: Sweat ran down Jim's face while he ran the cross country race.

       Because he didn't stretch before the race, Jim pulled a muscle while running.

Compound-Complex Sentence
two *independent* clauses + one or more *dependent* clauses

Ex: When they won the competition, the team celebrated, and the coach smiled broadly.

       They invited John to join the team, and although he wanted to accept, he could not.

Coordinating Conjunctions
join two words, phrases, or clauses

for   and   nor   but   or   yet   so

Subordinating Conjunctions
introduce a dependent clause

after	if	though	although	as
unless	once	until	as if	in order that
since	when	because	so that	where
before	than	while	that	even though