

## Lecture n°03: The Four (04) Sentence Types in English

This lesson is about anything to do with English, because we are going to be looking at sentence types. Now of course when you speak you are using all kinds of sentences. But especially in writing, it is important to know the different types of sentences so as to give the variety of sentence structures. Through this lesson you are going to discover the four (04) sentence types. We have:

- 1- **A simple sentence:** has one independent clause (*an independent clause has a **subject + verb** and can complete an idea. It can stand by itself; I don't need to add anything to it*).

Ex: it rains. Mary went to the store. John threw the ball.

- 2- **A compound sentence:** has **two or more** independent clauses. The clauses may be joined by:

- A semicolon alone (;).
- A comma (,) + coordinating conjunction (*for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*).
- A (;) + conjunctive adverb (*also, consequently, furthermore, ...*) + (,).

Ex: a) I went to the store; John went to the movies.

b) Mary ran to the car, **and** Bill ran to the bus.

c) I went to the store; **however**, John went to the movies.

- 3- **A complex sentence:** has one independent clause+ one or more dependent clauses (*a **dependent clause** is a clause that has a subject+ verb, but cannot stand by itself; it is not a complete idea*). They are joined by a subordinating conjunction (*after, although, because, ...*).

Ex: a) I was late for dinner **because** I went to the store.

- 4- **A compound complex sentence:** has **two or more** independent clauses + **one or more** dependent clauses.

Ex: a) since the sun came up, the temperature is getting warmer; the birds are waking up.

**\*Activity:** Decide which type of sentences are these.

- I arrived at the office at 9, and my assistant came 10 minutes later
- Layla studied biology in university.
- Because we had a fight, I went to the store; John went to the movies.
- It was raining all day, yet I was dry under my umbrella.
- Although they are 250 miles apart, they keep in constant on the internet.