

Lesson 153: Sentence Structure

As a reminder, a **simple sentence** is simple – just one subject and predicate combination. *This is an example of a simple sentence.*

A **compound sentence** takes two simple sentences and compounds them, squashes them together using something like—“and”, “or”, “but”—in the middle to connect them. *This is an example of a compound sentence, and I have made it with two simple sentences joined together into one.*

A **complex sentence** takes a simple sentence and adds another subject and predicate in a way that they don’t form another sentence on their own. *This is an example of a complex sentence because I have added a second subject and verb in a way that can’t stand on its own.*

Identify these sentence types (from ch. 3 of *The King Will Make a Way*). The answers are simple, compound, or complex.

He crouched and examined mushrooms, pine cones, rocks and beetles.

Gabe kept up the maneuvers until the guard was safely settled back in his guard box, comfortably seated on his stool.

The toad hopped off just beyond him, and the natural impulse of a ten-year-old boy to try and catch it overpowered him.

He looked up and his heart melted.

Unthinking, he flung himself at the King’s feet.

Even though the hill was just a few stone throws away from the inn, he felt like a pioneer—adventurous and alone.