

Basic Sentence Structure

Noun: person, place, or thing

Examples: **Homer Simpson, New Orleans, lotus blossom, etc.**

Subject: noun that does the action

Example: **Vincent van Gogh** sold two paintings.

Verb: action, state, or occurrence

Examples: **walked, ran, jogged, wrote, watches, swam, played, etc.**

Example: Vincent van Gogh **sold** two paintings.

Direct Object: recipient of the action detailed in the verb

Example: Vincent van Gogh sold **two paintings**.

Adjective: describes the noun

Example: The book is a commentary on a **totalitarian** government.

Adverb: (1) describes the action or (2) modifies the adjective

Example for 1: Frank Lloyd Wright **carefully** designed his famous Fallingwater House.

Example for 2: *Squid Game* is a **very** good story.

Independent Clause: sentence with a subject, verb, and direct object (at least)

Example: **I walked home**.

Dependent Clause: connected to the independent clause and cannot stand on its own

Example: I walked home **that day**.

Complex sentence: contains a dependent clause

Example: I walked home that day.

Compound sentence: contains more than one subject

Example: I love emeralds, and she prefers turquoise.

Predicate: a phrase containing both the verb and something about the subject

Example: The dog ate the food.

Pronoun: used in place of a noun

Examples: I, we, she, he, they, you, etc.

Example: Loki was imprisoned / he was imprisoned.

Preposition: shows direction, location, or time and connects nouns with other elements

Examples: after, under, among, about, inside, during, etc.

Example: Michelangelo painted *The Sistine Chapel* after he sculpted *David*.

Conjunction: connects clauses, sentences, phrases, or words

Examples: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so, etc.

Example: True crime is compelling, but it's so depressing.

Articles: modifiers placed before nouns

Examples: a, an, the

Example: The cat hissed at the laser point.

Modifier: a word, phrase, or clause that provides information about a word

Example: I went to school / I went to boarding school.

Participle: a verb (or verb root) used as an adjective

Example: A running trope in TV is "will-they-won't-they."