

2. An **independent (main) clause** is a group of words with a subject and a verb that can stand alone and make sense. An independent clause expresses a complete thought by itself and can be written as a separate sentence.

I have the money.

3. A **dependent clause** is a group of words with a subject and a verb that depends on a main clause to give it meaning.

When you are ready

Types of Sentences

Type	Definition	Example
Simple	One independent clause	Susan was having trouble with her spelling.
Compound	Two or more independent clauses	Susan was having trouble with her spelling, and she purchased a computer with a spell checker.
Complex	One independent clause and one or more dependent clauses	Because Susan was having trouble with her spelling, she purchased a computer with a spell checker.
Compound-Complex	Two or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses	Because Susan was having trouble with her spelling, she purchased a computer with a spell checker, and the results made her expenditure worthwhile.

Punctuation

1. Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction (FANBOYS) between two independent clauses.

The movie was good, but the tickets were expensive.

2. Use a comma after a dependent clause that appears before the main clause.

When the bus arrived, we quickly boarded.

3. Use a semicolon between two independent clauses in one sentence if there is no coordinating conjunction.

The bus arrived; we quickly boarded.

Identifying Types of Sentences

- _____ 1. For more than forty years, dolphins have served in the U.S. Navy.
- _____ 2. Dolphins use *echolocation*, which involves transmitting sound waves at objects and then reading the “echoes” from those objects.
- _____ 3. They can distinguish a BB pellet from a kernel of corn from fifty feet away.
- _____ 4. They can also tell the difference between natural and man-made objects, so the navy has trained dolphins to detect explosive anti-ship mines.
- _____ 5. After unmanned undersea vehicles use sonar to identify suspicious objects, a dolphin and his team of humans go into watery combat zones to evaluate those objects.
- _____ 6. When a dolphin positively identifies a mine, the location is marked, and divers arrive later to remove the mine.
- _____ 7. During the 2003 war with Iraq, dolphins helped to disarm 100 mines and underwater booby traps planted in the water near the port city of Umm Qasr.
- _____ 8. The dolphins are not in jeopardy because they are trained to stay a safe distance from the mines.
- _____ 9. Dolphins also protected warships during the Vietnam War; in 1970, for example, the presence of five navy dolphins prevented enemy divers from destroying an army pier.
- _____ 10. Many people do not realize that dolphins have used their extraordinary abilities to protect American lives during wartime, so the navy considers them to be very valuable assets.

REVIEW 2

Identifying Types of Sentences

Indicate the kind of sentence by writing the appropriate letter(s) in the blank.

- S simple
CP compound
CX complex
CC compound-complex

Underline the verbs and circle the subjects. Consider using labeled boxes as shown on page 53.

- _____ 1. Most hummingbirds weigh less than a nickel.
- _____ 2. Because they're so tiny, people think of them as cute, sweet little birds.
- _____ 3. However, hummingbirds are very mean, and they have been dubbed the "junkyard dogs" of the bird world.
- _____ 4. A male hummingbird will fiercely guard a nectar feeder or a patch of flowers, and if any other hummingbirds come near, he will attack them.
- _____ 5. The bird will threaten intruders, chase them, ram them in mid-air, and try to stab them with its beak.
- _____ 6. Hummingbirds can even intimidate birds like hawks, which are a hundred times their size.
- _____ 7. These territorial birds can be vicious, but they do have a good reason.
- _____ 8. They expend a lot of energy; as a matter of fact, their hearts beat 1,200 times a minute, and their wings beat at over 2,000 revolutions per minute.
- _____ 9. To survive, a hummingbird must consume 7 to 12 calories per day; in human terms, that would be 204,300 calories per day, which is the amount in 171 pounds of hamburger.
- _____ 10. If you had to round up that much grub every day, you, too, might get very protective of your food source.

REVIEW 3**Writing Types of Sentences**

Write a paragraph or two (a total of about ten sentences) on the topic of food (eating or preparing). Then examine your sentences and mark at least one example of each kind: simple (S), compound (CP), complex (CX), and compound-complex (CC). If any kinds are not represented, do some simple sentence revision.

MICROTHEME

To practice your skills acquired in this chapter, return to the Microtheme on page 46 and complete Exercise B.