1. SIMPLE SENTENCE: A simple sentence has ONE independent clause.

   S  V

   Examples: Stan ate two grapes.

   S  S  VP

   Fred and Joan **will be flying** to Las Vegas next week to get

   S  V

   My dog, Juno, ran quickly through the house and knocked over two tables, three chairs, and a lamp.

2. COMPOUND SENTENCE: A compound sentence has at least TWO independent clauses connected by a comma and coordinating conjunction or by a semi-colon.

   S  S  V  S  V

   Examples: Bea and Ian are friends; they often see movies together.

   S  V  CC  S  V

   Steven likes the outdoors, but his wife prefers going to the opera.

   S  VP  CC  S  VP

   More people are buying hybrid cars, and they’re helping the environment as well as their wallets.

3. COMPLEX SENTENCE: A complex sentence has ONE independent clause and at least ONE dependent clause.

   DW  S  V  S  V

   Examples: Because Nan worked on her sentence structure, she got a better grade on her last paper.

   S  V  DW  S  V

   Mario likes going to Mariner games, although he gets to go only a few times each season.

4. COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCE: This type has TWO independent clauses, a coordinating conjunction, and a dependent clause.

   DW  S  V  S  V  CC

   Examples: When they won the lottery, they **bought a ranch in Hawaii, and**

   S  V

   every winter they leave their Lake Washington home to spend their time in the warmth and beauty of the islands.