

EXPANDING SENTENCES

A **simple sentence** is a complete sentence with a subject (a noun - who the sentence is about) and a predicate (a verb - what the subject does).

Circle the sentences that are **complete simple sentences**.

- At the new grocery store.
- John went to the game.
- I really like that hat.
- After the party ended.
- Nearly all of the players.

Now, write your own simple sentence about the picture on the screen.

Subject (Who/what?): _____

Predicate (Did what?): _____

My simple sentence: _____

We can EXPAND sentences by adding phrases and clauses that tell more about our topic.

When?

Who?

Did what?

Why?

Where?

How?

My super sentence: _____

Complex Sentences

You can create complex sentences by adding a phrase or clause, followed by a comma, to give more information about the topic of your sentence.

Simple Sentence: Mary received a grade of 100 on her test.

Complex Sentence: Since she had studied so hard, Mary received a grade of 100 on her history test.

Take each simple sentence and add a phrase that gives more information.

You could add information that tells the reader:

Why?

When?

How?

Where?

1) Simple Sentence: Jonas went to the movies.

Complex Sentence: _____

_____.

2) Simple Sentence: Ancient humans drew pictures in caves.

Complex Sentence: _____

_____.

3) Simple Sentence: My cat likes to drink milk.

Complex Sentence: _____

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4) Simple Sentence: I like to help my dad in the garden.

Complex Sentence: _____

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