

## Sentence Prescriptions

1. Simple sentence -- **The dog ate the cat.**
2. Compound sentence – **The dog ate the cat, and the squirrel quietly watched.**
3. Complex sentence – **Although the dog ate the cat, he did not have the Chihuahua for dessert.**
4. compound-complex sentence – **As the dog ate the cat, he began to feel sick, yet the canine continued to devour his prey.**
5. Declarative sentence – makes a statement – **The dog ate the cat.**
6. Interrogative sentence – asks a question – **Did the dog eat the cat?**
7. Exclamatory sentence – shows strong feeling – **I cannot believe the dog ate the cat!**
8. Imperative sentence – makes a request – **Fido, eat the cat.**
9. Summary -- sums up the paper or idea -- **In conclusion, we know that there are at least two cures**
10. Comparison – measures two like things, people, etc., usually finding their similarities. **John is shorter than Randy.**
11. Contrast – measures the differences between 2 or more things, people, etc. **Jane is quiet but Ashley is noisy**
12. Cause-effect – shows how one action will influence another. **If you put your shirt in the dryer, it will shrink.**
13. Opinion -- a personal belief. **I think that she is the best teacher**
14. Definition -- explains a concept, think, idea, with facts, etc. **A peninsula is a piece of land surrounded by water.**
15. Procedure -- tells the order or way something should be done -- **First, mix the butter and eggs, then, add the dry ingredients; lastly, beat until well blended.**
16. Problem-solution – gives a reason why something happened or what caused something changed.  
**Andrew was skinny until he began to lift weights**
17. Simile -- a comparison using the words *like* or *as*. **He is as sly as a fox.**
18. Metaphor – comparing two unlike objects. **Sean is a bulldozer coming down the football field.**
19. Law or principle—explaining a theory as to why something occurred. **For every action, there is a consequence.**
20. Example or enumeration – listing a series. **The lunch line offered a selection of meats, vegetables, salads, fruits, breads, desserts, and beverages.**
21. Transition – showing a change in time, tone, idea -- **While he was sleeping, I slipped out of the room**
22. Sentence beginning with a prepositional phrase – **In the backyard you will find many varieties of roses.**
23. Sentence beginning with an infinitive – **To see my grandchildren is a goal I have.**
24. Sentence beginning with a participle or participial phrase – **Swinging from the branches, the monkeys were amusing to watch.**
25. Sentence beginning with a gerund – **Reading romance novels is one of my favorite hobbies.**
26. Sentence beginning with the word “because” – **Because Sally planned to attend college and medical school, she studied diligently for her high school classes.**