

Chapter One

The Sentence

A sentence must express a complete thought even if it contains many ideas.

There are three types of sentences:

- 1- The simple sentence: expresses one idea only. It has one subject and one predicate.

Example: The man knocked at the door.

- 2- The compound sentence: contains more than one idea and all the ideas expressed have an equal value.

Example: The man knocked at the door and waited for an answer.

- 3- The complex sentence: contains one main idea and one or more secondary ideas.

Example: As soon as he arrived at the house, the man knocked at the door.