

## Use a Variety of Sentences

Your writing will be much more interesting and therefore much better if you use a variety of sentences.

There are **three different types of sentences**.

	<b>Simple Sentences</b>	<b>Compound Sentences</b>	<b>Complex Sentences</b>
<i>What is it?</i>	A short sentence with a main subject and a verb.	A longer sentence with two pieces of information linked by a <b>conjunction</b> .	Longer sentence with different <b>clauses</b> . One clause (the main clause) is more important than the other (the subordinate clause).
<i>Example</i>	Jimmy went to the shop.	Jimmy drove to the shops <b>because</b> he wanted some chicken.	Although he didn't really need anything, Jimmy went to the shops.
<i>Why use it?</i>	To <b>create tension</b> or give <b>short, sharp</b> pieces of information.	To <b>build in detail</b> to your writing.	Puts across more <b>detailed ideas</b> .

**This paragraph uses all three types of sentences.**

People need to adopt healthy lifestyles. A healthy lifestyle means eating healthily and it means doing more exercise. Despite most people knowing this, lots of people find it hard to lead a healthy lifestyle. Some people find it hard to eat healthily. Other people find it impossible to find the time to do exercise.

**Can you find the different sentences?**

Ask your English teacher to check your answers for you when they can.

**Important words about sentences.**

**conjunction** – words that link clauses together: but, whereas, therefore.

**clause** – a part of a sentence, with a subject and a verb.

**main clause** – a clause that makes sense on its own: Jimmy went to the shops.

**subordinate clause** – a clause that does not makes sense on its own: Although he didn't need anything.

