

SENTENCE STRUCTURE NOTES

BUZZING
with
Ms. B

✗ Sentence Fragments

an idea that isn't a complete sentence



Example of what NOT
to do:
In the bag
My neighbor
Eats a burrito

A complete
sentence needs
a subject and a
predicate.

Avoid Fragments

Check every sentence
to make sure it isn't a
fragment!

If it's missing one of
the things on the
checklist, combine it
with another sentence
or add it in!

Each sentence
needs...

- ✓ A capital letter
- ✓ A subject
- ✓ A predicate
- ✓ An end mark

Third Grade

Fragment, simple &
compound sentences

8 different
half-sheets

PERFECT FOR GRAMMAR NOTEBOOKS

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Compound Sentence
Examples I found
in my book.

1. Troy threw the ball, but Dante dropped it.
2. I am saving my lunch money, so I can buy a bike.
3. She is lonely, for her friend moved away.

Compound Sentence
two sentences combined with a comma and a coordinating conjunction

sentence + conjunction + sentence

I love cupcakes. I don't love frosting.

I love cupcakes
, but
I don't love frosting.

for and nor
but or yet so

These half-page notes are perfect to fit inside an interactive notebook!

Have students brainstorm their own list or hunt for examples on the other side!

GLUE IN ON ONE SIDE AND PRACTICE OR APPLY ON THE OTHER SIDE!



8 GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURES



Subject
the noun part of the sentence
subject + predicate
who or what? does or is what?

Predicate
the verb part of the sentence
subject + predicate
who or what? does or is what?

Simple Sentence (Independent Clause)
subject + predicate
who or what? does or is what?

Subjects must include...
A noun: A person, place, thing, or idea

Compound Sentence
two sentences combined with a comma and a coordinating conjunction
sentence + conjunction + sentence
I love cupcakes. I don't like frosting.

Compound Predicate
combining two predicates into one sentence using a coordinating conjunction
subject + predicate + predicate
I love cupcakes and I don't like frosting.

Compound Subject
combining two subjects into one sentence using a coordinating conjunction
subject + subject + predicate
The noisy rain and the thunder woke me up.

Runon Sentence
Error: more than one sentence squished together without punctuation
Example of what NOT to do:
I sat down I turned on the tv.
This is two sentences squished together without punctuation.

Sentence Fragment
an idea that isn't a complete sentence
Example of what NOT to do:
In the bag
My neighbor
Eats a burrito
A complete sentence needs a subject and a predicate.

Avoid Fragments
Check every sentence to make sure it isn't a fragment!
If it's missing one of the things on the list, it's a fragment.

Option 1:
Cross out anything repeated and make a compound subject or predicate.
Use a period to make a compound sentence.

Options must include...
A verb: an action the noun is taking in the sentence

Options can include...
Article: a, the

Options can include...
deep robo
predicate dance the robo boogie.

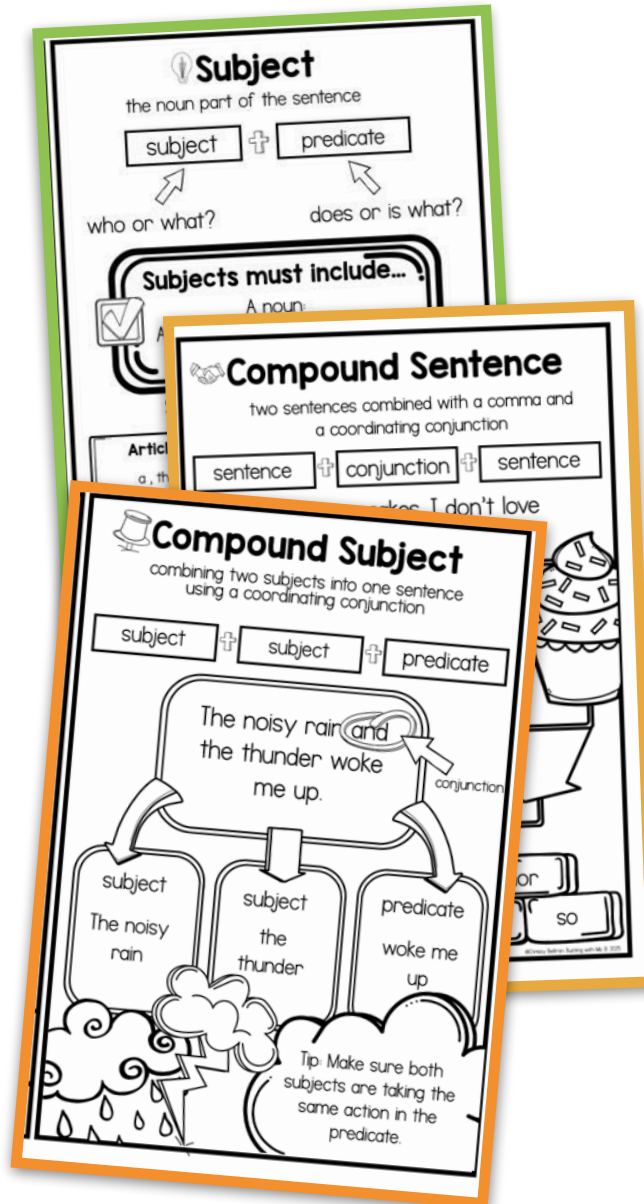
- ✓ Subject
- ✓ Predicate
- ✓ Simple sentences (independent clauses)
- ✓ Comma splice
- ✓ Runon sentence
- ✓ Sentence fragment
- ✓ Compound subject
- ✓ Compound predicate
- ✓ Compound sentence
- ✓ Dependent clause
- ✓ Complex sentence

INTRODUCE SENTENCE TYPES & GRAMMAR TERMS

HOW TO USE THESE CHEAT SHEETS

Intro
grammar
vocabulary &
structures

Grammar
Notebook



Bulletin board
or center

Doodle
notes