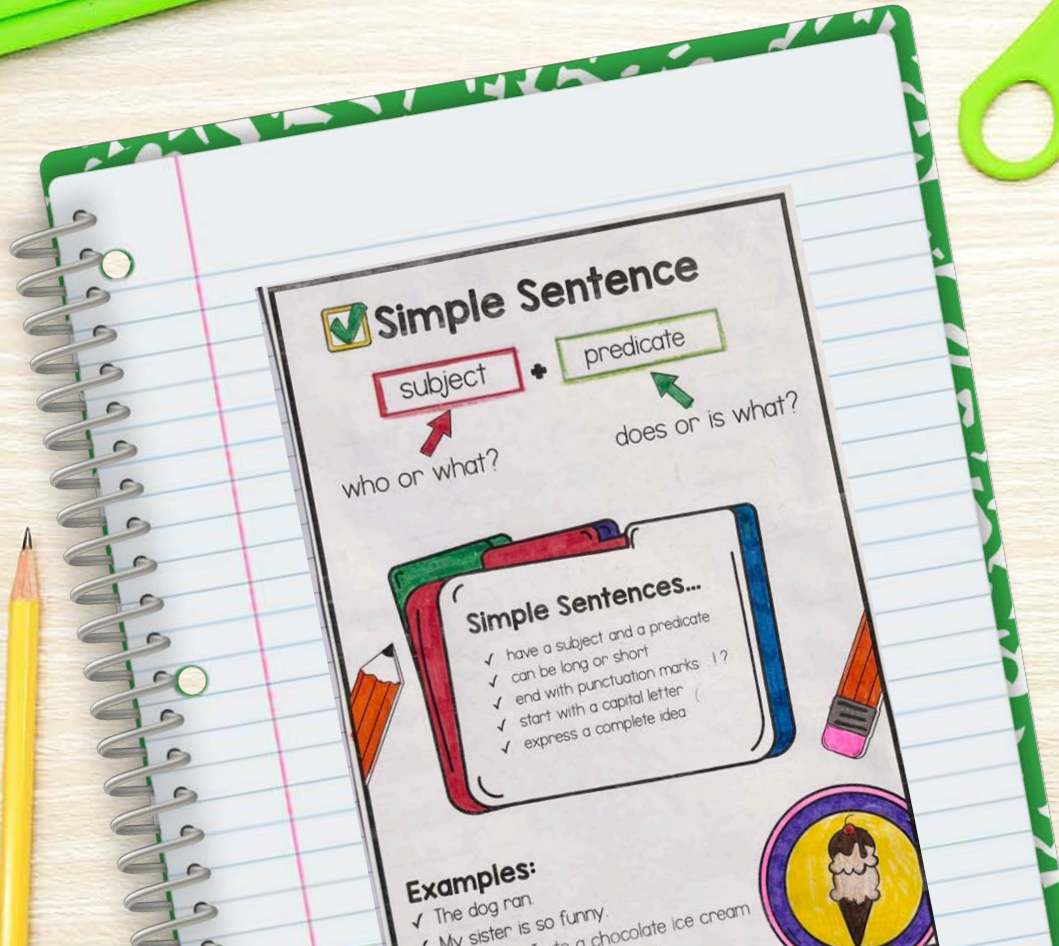


SENTENCE STRUCTURE NOTES



Fourth Grade

Simple, compound & complex sentences

11 different half-sheets

PERFECT FOR GRAMMAR NOTEBOOKS

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Subject: My silly cat
Predicate: ate a kitty treat.
Simple Sentence:
My silly cat ate a kitty treat.

 **Simple Sentence**

subject + predicate
↑ ↑
who or what? does or is what?

 **Simple Sentences...**

- ✓ have a subject and a predicate
- ✓ can be long or short
- ✓ end with punctuation marks . ! ?
- ✓ start with a capital letter
- ✓ express a complete idea

Examples:

- ✓ The dog ran.
- ✓ My sister is so funny.
- ✓ Yesterday, I ate a chocolate ice cream cone with a cherry on top.



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!

11 GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURES



✗ Sentence Fragments
an idea that isn't a complete sentence

✗ Example of what NOT to do:
on the shelf
her hair
ran away

A complete sentence needs a subject and a predicate.

✓ Simple Sentence (Independent Clause)

subject + predicate

who or what? does or is what?

Simple Sentences...

- ✓ have a subject and a predicate
- ✓ can be long or short
- ✓ end with punctuation marks: . ! ?
- ✓ start with a capital letter
- ✓ express a complete idea

✗ Runon Sentence
Error: more than one sentence squished together without punctuation

✗ Example of what NOT to do:
She put on her hat she went to get berries

This is two sentences squished together with nothing to separate them.

She put on her hat she went to get berries

Complex Sentences
an independent clause (complete sentence) combined with a dependent clause using a subordinate conjunction

independent clause + subordinate conjunction

after
because
if
since
until
when

The subordinate conjunction goes at the beginning.

Because he was a scarecrow, he made of straw.

OR the subordinate conjunction can go in the middle.

He was a scarecrow he was made of straw.

✗ Sentence Fragments
an idea that isn't a complete sentence

✗ Example of what NOT to do:
on the shelf
her hair
ran away

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.

Each sentence needs:
✓ A capital letter

✗ Compound Predicate
combining two predicates into one sentence using a coordinating conjunction

subject + predicate + conjunction + predicate

My silly brother lost his shoe and got his sock dirty.

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

sentence + conjunction + sentence

I love sports. I don't love running.

I love sports, but I don't love running.

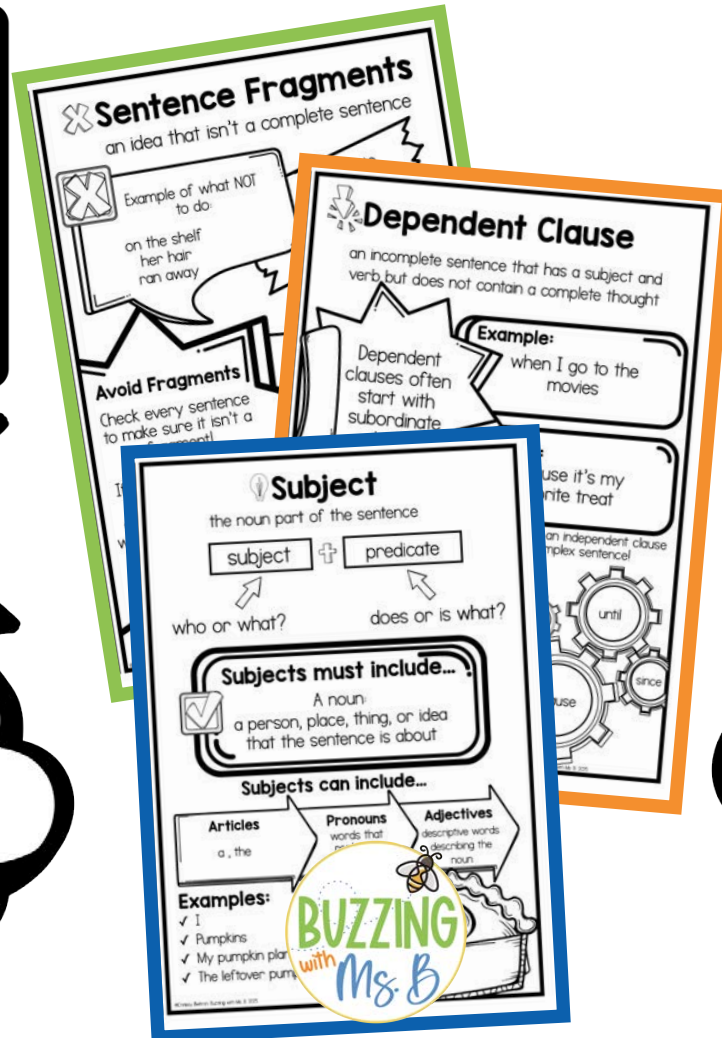
✓ Subject
✓ Predicate
✓ Simple sentences (independent clauses)
✓ Comma splice
✓ Runon sentence
✓ Sentence fragment
✓ Compound subject
✓ Compound predicate
✓ Compound sentence
✓ Dependent clause
✓ Complex sentence

INTRODUCE SENTENCE TYPES & GRAMMAR TERMS

HOW TO USE THESE CHEAT SHEETS

Intro
grammar
vocabulary &
structures

Grammar
Notebook



Bulletin board
or center

Doodle
notes