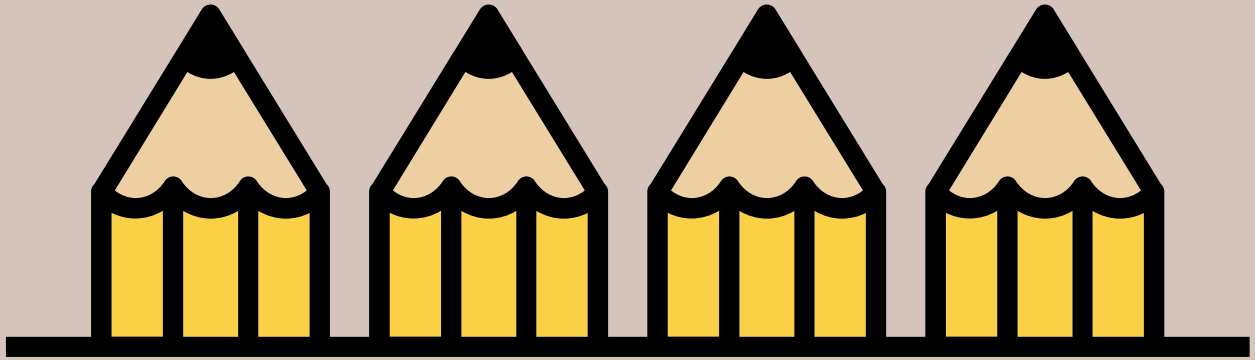
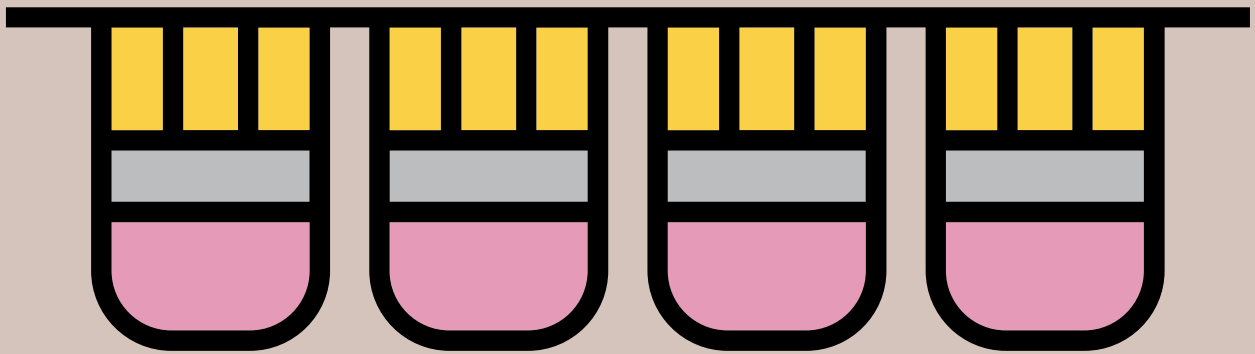




# Grade 6 Grammar Sample



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## Review Sentence Structure

All complete sentences are clauses; they have a **subject** and a **predicate**. Understanding the different clauses will help determine the sentence structure.

**Independent clause** – forms a complete thought and can stand alone.

**Dependent clause** – can not stand alone and *depends* on an independent clause to make a complete sentence.



## I can correctly form and use clauses.

An **independent clause** is a clause with a subject and predicate. It can stand alone as a complete thought to form a sentence. It is also called a simple sentence.

**Independent clauses** will have a **subject** (who? what?) and a **predicate** (did what?)

- **The meatball** fell on the floor. (Subject: "The meatball" Verb: "fell")
- **She** made dinner. (Subject: "She" Verb: "made")
- **I** passed my exam. (Subject: "I" Verb: "passed")





## Daily Practice



Circle the subject and underline the predicate. Put a ✓ if it is an independent clause/simple sentence. Fill in the subject and verb.

- The time passed by slowly. ☐  
 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Verb: \_\_\_\_\_
- Smelling the rotten banana. ☐  
 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Verb: \_\_\_\_\_
- The swan swam gracefully across the pond. ☐  
 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Verb: \_\_\_\_\_
- Since the restaurant was closed. ☐  
 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Verb: \_\_\_\_\_



## I can correctly form and use clauses.

Independent clauses will have a subject (who? what?) and a predicate (did what?)

You can use a comma + conjunction (FANBOYS) to put two independent clauses together to form a compound sentence.

- The meatball fell on the floor, and my dog ate it.
- She made dinner, but I wasn't hungry.
- I passed my exam, so I could go to the party.





## Daily Practice



Circle the subjects and underline the predicates. Highlight the conjunction (FANBOYS).

- The clock was broken, so my grandfather fixed it.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Did you turn off the lamp, or did the lightbulb burn out?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- My mom drove me to the mall, but I forgot my wallet.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I felt quite chilly, yet the thermometer said it was warm.  
\_\_\_\_\_



## I can correctly form and use clauses.

Compound sentences are formed by combining two **independent clauses**.

Add a **comma + conjunction** after the first independent clause.

Conjunctions:

For, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

- The ripe apple was too juicy, so it dribbled down Mike's chin.
- Sue rode her bike, but she didn't have a helmet on.
- I set my alarm, yet I forgot to turn up the volume.





## Daily Practice



Add a comma to correctly form a compound sentence with two independent clauses.

- My brother started crying so my mom gave him a lollipop.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- The microwave chimed but the food wasn't warm enough.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Yolanda took a long nap yet she still felt tired.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Davis ordered pizza and Edward ordered a cheeseburger.  
\_\_\_\_\_



## I can correctly form and use clauses.

A **dependent clause** is an incomplete thought. It *depends* on an **independent clause** to form a sentence.

Dependent clauses begin with a **subordinating conjunction**.

I.S.A.W.A.W.A.P.U.P.

if since as when although while  
after before until because

Using a **subordinating conjunction** with a dependent clause forms a complex sentence.

- **Although** it was raining, we decided to go to the park.
- **Because** I was running late, I couldn't stop for coffee.
- **As** the sun set, the sky looked amazing.





## Daily Practice



Circle the subordinating conjunctions (I. S.A.W. A. W.A.B.U.B).

- Until the lights come on, we must stay in our seats.
- The light turned green as my car ran out of gas.
- While we were waiting, the elevator stopped working.
- Jana had to go to the doctor because she had an allergic reaction.



## I can correctly form and use clauses.

A complex sentence is formed with a dependent clause and an independent clause.

Add a comma after the dependent clause if the dependent clause is before the independent clause.

- Before the storm hit, my father put shutters on our windows.  
The dependent clause is before the independent clause, so a comma is added.
- Daniel cleaned his uniform after his game.  
The dependent clause is after the independent clause, so a comma is not needed.





## Daily Practice



Underline the dependent clause. Add a comma if needed.

- Although it was daytime the dark clouds covered the light from the sun.
- As soon as the food was delivered we asked for to-go boxes.
- Jill's uncle scrubbed the floors while her aunt washed the windows.
- We couldn't go to the concert since we didn't get tickets.



## Independent and Dependent Clauses Assessment



Label each sentence correctly: Simple, Compound, or Complex

- Jillian read the assigned novel in June. \_\_\_\_\_
- He claps enthusiastically after each name is called. \_\_\_\_\_
- We can hike to the summit, or we can take a trolley. \_\_\_\_\_

Correct each sentence by adding a comma if necessary.

- When the lights flicker you should grab a flashlight.
- I have to finish my chores so I will meet you there.
- The bird liked to eat berries and sing loudly.
- My mom won't pay me until I finish washing the car.



6th Grade



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Believe it or not, the Emerald Isle is not from The Wizard of Oz. (2) Since Ireland has wide expanses of green fields it has taken the nickname of the Emerald Isle. (3) Lush, green fields aren't the only positive feature of this country.

(4) The people of Ireland have a deep love for nature and rural life. (5) This devotion is so deep that they even use animals on their coins! (6) However, there is one animal that is not on the island: a snake.

(7) Snakes have never been in Ireland, nor is it possible for them to naturally arrive there. (8) The frigid temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean and distance between other land masses make it impossible for snakes to arrive.

**1. What is the sentence structure for sentence #1?**

- a. Simple
- b. Compound
- c. Complex

**2. Correct sentence #2.**

- a. Since Ireland has wide expanses of green fields. It has taken the nickname of the Emerald Isle.
- b. Since Ireland has a wide expanses of green fields, it has taken the nickname of the Emerald Isle.
- c. Correct as is

**3. Which is the conjunction in sentence #4?**

- a. and
- b. of
- c. have

**4. Correct sentence #7.**

- a. Snakes have never been in Ireland nor is it possible for them to naturally arrive there.
- b. Snakes have never been in Ireland nor, is it possible for them to naturally arrive there.
- c. Correct as is

**5. What is the sentence structure for sentence #8?**

- a. Simple
- b. Compound
- c. Complex



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