

Compound and Complex Sentences

Simple Sentence – Expresses a complete thought. It has a **subject** and a **predicate**.

Ex. The Negro League formed in 1920.

Compound Sentence – Contains two simple sentences joined by a comma and conjunction such as **and**, **but** or **or**.

Ex. The athletes played several games a day, and they traveled on a bus.

Complex Sentence – Contains an independent clause, which can stand alone, and a dependent clause, which cannot stand alone. The clauses are joined by a word such as **if**, **when**, **because**, **until**, **before**, **after**, or **since**.

Ex. Many years would pass before the major leagues were integrated.