

- **Minor sentence**-does not contain a **subject-verb-object** construction making it technically ungrammatical but does make pragmatic sense on its own. E.g. *Welcome to Reading*
- **Simple sentence**- only contains **one clause** using the **subject-verb-object** construction. E.g. *I ate the apple.*
- **Compound sentence**- has two or more clauses usually joined to the main clause with **coordinating conjunctions** (and/but). More than one thing is happening or being expressed and each clause has the **same weight or importance**. E.g. *Charlie unearthed some wonderful treasure **and** flogged it to a museum.*
- **Complex sentence**- has two or more clauses, one of which is a **subordinate clause** using **subordinating conjunctions** (by/because/when/although). The clause connected by one of these conjunctions can't stand on its own and make sense. In a complex sentence more than one thing is happening or being expressed but one event is thought to **be more important than the other**. E.g. *Charlie unearthed some wonderful treasure **while** digging in the garden.*
- **Compound-complex sentence**- has three or more clauses, at least one of which will be a **subordinate clause**, and one of which will be a **coordinate clause**. E.g. *I stopped **because** the man was just lying there in the road **and** asked if he was ok.*

Section 6: Verb Mood

- **Declarative**- a **statement** of fact or feeling E.g. *He shut the window.*

These will be more common than any other kind of sentence in **informational** texts and can show **assurance**.

- **Interrogative**- a **question** E.g. *Did he shut the window?*

Interrogatives require a reply, maintain conversation, can illustrate **power** and can be used as a **persuasive** device.

Tag questions are **interrogative clauses** added to the end of a **declarative** to make it into a question e.g. *We're meeting for lunch today, **aren't** we?*

- An imperative is an **order** or **command** E.g. *Shut the window now!*

Imperatives are found in great quantities in **advisory** texts. They are found in **bald, unsoftened** forms e.g. *Pick that up!* or more frequently in **softened, mitigated** forms e.g. *Please could you pick that up for me.*