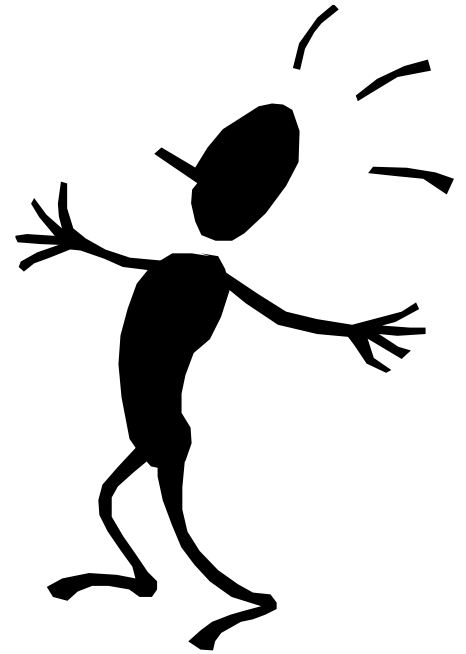


Types of sentences

There are three main types of sentence.

- ◇ A simple sentence.
- ◇ A compound sentence.
- ◇ A complex sentence.



Types of sentences

Simple sentence – one action. It contains a subject (the person or thing doing the action) and a verb (a doing word).

The cat pounced.



The mouse ran away.



Types of sentences

Compound sentence – usually more than one action going on. Two simple sentences, joined by “and” or “but”.

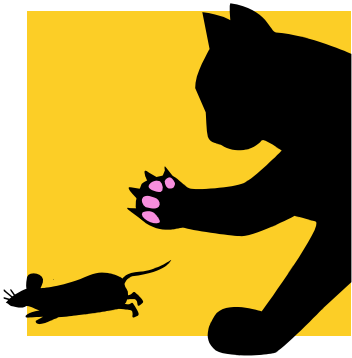
The cat pounced but
the mouse ran away.



Types of sentences

Complex sentence – a simple sentence plus a subordinate clause which adds information to the sentence. The clause cannot stand on its own as a sentence.

Although the cat pounced, the mouse ran away.



Types of sentences

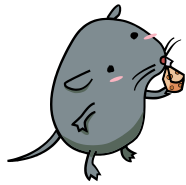
Sentence

This is the house



This is the malt

This is the rat



This is the cat



Clause

that Jack built.



that lay in the house that Jack built.

that ate the malt that lay in the house
that Jack built.

that chased the rat that ate the malt
that lay in the house that Jack built.

Types of sentences

Does this make sense?

“that Jack built.”

It's a clause, so it can't stand on its own.

It has no main verb.

(The verb 'built' is secondary in this sentence.)

Types of sentences

The word 'that' tells us that a subordinate clause is on its way, and must be supported by the main part of the sentence – "This is the house."

"This is the house."

What is the main verb here?

Types of sentences

Look at the book you are reading at the moment, and identify:

3 simple sentences.

2 compound sentences.

1 complex sentence.

In each case, show the **main** verb(s).