

Writing Clinic: Simple Sentences

A simple sentence consists of a **subject**, **verb**, **object** and/or **complement** (optional). Before starting to write paragraphs, stories or essays, it is important to get the basics right. Look at the examples, and then write some **simple sentences** yourself. Practise this as often as you can.

- I study English.
- We study English every day.
- My classmates and I study English every day at 1 PM.
- My classmates and I study English and Science every afternoon.
- My parents, my sister and I go on holiday once a year.

A simple sentence is also called an independent clause.

What can you see in the pictures? Describe using simple sentences.

1.  Cowboy Jack is wearing a hat, a shirt, jeans and boots.
Cowboy Jack is riding a horse. His horse is called Rocket.
Jack always rides his horse to school. It can run very fast.
He was late for class yesterday. His teacher was angry.
Jack's parents gave him a notebook computer for his birthday.
Jack always has toast and coffee for breakfast.

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4. Now use your imagination and write some more simple sentences.

For more info on simple sentences, review of main verb tenses and some fun with computer-generated sentences, go to
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