**Sentence Types – Varied Sentences in Essays**

1. **Simple Sentence:** This is the most **basic** type of sentence. It is made up of a subject and apredicate. A simple sentence is often referred to as an independent clause. It is *independent* because it can

stand on its own—it has all the components to make it a complete sentence.

**Example:** *The cat meowed.* OR *The yellow dog ran through the meadow.*

1. **Compound Sentence:** A compound sentence is when you put two simple sentences together using

a conjunction (Remember FANBOYS-**for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so**) to connect them.

**Example:** *The cat meowed,* ***and*** *the yellow dog ran through the meadow.*

1. **Complex Sentence:** A compound sentence is made up of one independent clause (remember, it can

stand on its own) combined with a dependent clause.To make a complex sentence, use these dependent words (be careful not to create fragements!!)**Because, Since, Until, Although, So that**

**Example:** *Although I have a lot of checks left, there is no money in my account*.

*Although I have a lot of checks left* is the dependent clause because it can’t stand alone as a

sentence. The independent clause is *there is no money in my account* because that clause can standon its own as a sentence.

**As you read the following sentences, simply write whether they are simple, compound, or complex.**

1. Screaming through the jungle, Max raced away from the herd of elephants.

2. He found that elephants were larger than he’d thought.

3. Max tried to stop a passing Jeep, but the driver didn’t see him.

4. He continued running, and eventually a man saw him running for his life.

5. Max was relieved to see that help had arrived.

6. Shouting words of gratitude, Max hopped into the back of the truck.

7. He vowed never again to visit Africa.

8. He packed his bags, and he never went back again.

9. Darcie, Keri, and Renee are coming to my party, but they aren’t sure who is driving.

10. Ken brought his new tennis racket.

11. Michelle was trying to avoid hitting a pedestrian, and she swerved and almost hit a tree.

12. Running in the race, she passed everyone with a smile.

13. Even if I wanted to get a cup of coffee, I don’t have time.

**1. A simple sentence**

1. cannot stand alone.
2. is a predicate.
3. has a subject and a predicate.
4. is always complex.

**2. A compound sentence**

1. can stand alone.
2. has 2 subjects or more.
3. has 2 predicates or more.
4. all of the above.
5. **A complex sentence**
6. uses fanboys.
7. uses semicolons.
8. uses fragments.
9. usesdependent words.
10. **The best way to write is to use**
11. simple sentences for people to understand.
12. simple and compound sentences for people to understand.
13. a variety of sentences to break boredom.
14. repetition of sentences to make a point.