

**Web Enhanced Study Guide for English or Language Arts**

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**Parts of Speech for Language Arts**

**Phrase:**

A sequence of two or more words that does not contain a finite verb and its subject or that does not consist of clause elements such as subject, verb, object, or complement, as a preposition and a noun or pronoun, an adjective and noun, or an adverb and verb.

**Clause:**

A syntactic construction containing a subject and predicate and forming part of a sentence or constituting a whole simple sentence.

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**Simple Sentence:**

A sentence having only one clause, as *I saw her the day before yesterday*.

Cf. **complex sentence, compound-complex sentence, compound sentence.**

**Compound Sentence:**

A sentence containing two or more coordinate independent clauses, usually joined by one or more conjunctions, but no dependent clause, as *Lightning flashed* (independent clause)

*and* (conjunction) *rain fell* (independent clause).

**Complex Sentence:**

A sentence containing one or more dependent clauses in addition to the main clause, as *When the bell rings* (dependent clause), *walk out* (main clause).

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