

There are 5 patterns for building sentences:

John sleeps.
John loves his job.
John is funny.
John is here.
John is the teacher.

A _____ and _____ are both clusters of words.
A _____ is a word cluster lacking subject and verb combinations:

For the duration of the year _____

A _____ contains a subject and a verb. If it forms a complete thought it is an _____ .
If it is an incomplete thought it is a _____ or a _____ .

While we collected the data, the temperature increased.
dependent clause independent clause

_____ are ways of combining words, phrases, and clauses into more complex forms.

_____ uses coordinating conjunctions, conjunctive adverbs (with appropriate punctuation), or punctuation to combine short independent clauses into a single sentence. Examples

There are . Tenses are all used to indicate action that has taken place in the past, present, and future. Tenses should be kept consistent; inconsistencies occur when shifting between past and present tense reflecting actual changes in time. The following example, adapted from *The Little, Brown Compact Handbook 5th Canadian Edition*, illustrates tense shift:

Inconsistent: The main character suffers

Exception 3: Nouns that end in "f" form the plural by changing the "f" to "v" and then adding an "es."
half/halves, leaf/leaves

Exception 4: Nouns that end in "fe" form the plural by changing the "f" to "v" and then adding only an "s."
knife/knives, life/lives

There are many _____ noun forms that one must commit to memory:
man/men, woman/women, child/children, tooth/teeth, mouse/mice, goose/geese

Verbs must agree in number with their subjects. The basic rule is that a singular subject takes a singular verb, and a plural subject takes a plural verb.

The book I ordered is on the desk. (singular subject, singular verb)
The books