

# English

## Punctuation <sup>and</sup> Grammar

### Types of Sentences

When editing our written work, one of the hardest errors to correct can be the use of correct sentences. There are three main types of sentences:

- Simple sentences
- Compound sentences
- Complex sentences

Now, we are concentrating on **simple sentences**.

A **simple sentence**, also called an independent clause, contains a subject and a verb, and it expresses a complete thought.

In the following simple sentences, subjects are underlined, and verbs are circled.

A. Some students like to study in the mornings.

B. Juan and Alexis play football every afternoon.

C. Alicia goes to the library every day.

The sentences below should all be simple sentences. Rewrite them in your English book, underlining the subjects (the person or thing which the sentence is about) and circling the verb (the action - remembering that words like 'is' and 'has' are also verbs).

Example: Alice eats buttered toast for breakfast every day.

1. The teachers marked the tests.
2. Jordan collects starfish and sea shells.
3. The kite flew high into the sky.
4. We ate stir-fried vegetables for dinner last night.
5. Melissa and Bree won their netball grandfinal.
6. All 74 students completed their homework on time.
7. Nik enjoys his clarinet lessons.
8. Skye's birthday is in March.
9. The water was extremely cold!
10. Winter is my favourite time of the year.