Grammar terms

| Term | Definition | Example |
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| Noun | A name for something or someone | cat, boy, table |
| Pronoun | A word that replaces a noun | He, she, they, it |
| Verb | An action word  | walk, go, run, throw |
| Subject | The person or thing carrying out the main action | ***Sally*** went to the shop with her dad. |
| Adverb | A word that describes a verb | I walked ***slowly.*** |
| Adjective | A word that describes a noun | A ***green*** pen. |
| Clause | a group of words built around a verb (verb = action/doing word) | I like to go on walks. |
| Main (independent) Clause | An independent clause is **a group of words that contains a subject and verb and expresses a complete thought**. An independent clause is a sentence. | I like to go on walks. |
| Subordinate (dependent) clause | A subordinate (dependent) clause begins with a conjunction (e.g. *because, after, since, whether, while*). It does not form a complete sentence.  | …if the weather is nice. |
| Simple sentence | one independent clause | It was raining. I took my umbrella. |
| Compound sentence | contains two sentences linked by a coordinating conjunction OR a semicolon | It was raining**, so** I took my umbrella.It was raining**;** I took my umbrella. |
| Complex sentence | contains an independent (main) clause, plus a dependent (subordinating) clause | I like to go on walks **if the weather is nice.** If the weather is nice, I like to go on walks. |
| Compound-complex sentence | You can also add a subordinate clause to the end of a compound sentence. | It was raining**, so** I took my umbrella when I left the house. |
| Conjunction/ connective | a word **that connects words, phrases, or clauses**.  | See *coordinating and subordinating conjunctions*  |
| Coordinating Conjunction | a word used to connect two sentences.  | **For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So.** |
| Subordinating conjunction | connects a main (independent) clause with a subordinate (dependent) clause. | Although, After, While, When, Until, Because, Before, If, Since, etc. |