Sentences and Punctuation

Simple sentence = independent clause = subject and verb

- Alyrica went swimming in the ocean.

Compound Sentence = 2 independent clauses joined together in 1 of 3 ways

- Independent clause; independent clause.
  - Alyrica went swimming in the ocean; Jodie swam in the pool.
- Independent clause; conjunctive adverb, indep. clause.
  - Alyrica went swimming in the ocean; however, Jodie swam in the pool.

  **Conj Adverbs:** also, anyway, as a result, besides, certainly, consequently, finally, furthermore, however, in addition, incidentally, indeed, in fact, instead, likewise, meanwhile, moreover, nevertheless, next, now on the other hand, otherwise, similarly, still, then, therefore, thus, and undoubtedly.

  - Independent clause, conjunction indep. clause.
    - Alyrica went swimming in the ocean, but Jodie swam in the pool.

  **Conjunctions:** but, or, yet, for, and, nor, so.

Complex sentence = independent clause, dependent clause or vice/versa.

- Although Alyrica went swimming in the ocean, Jodie swam in the pool.
- Or: Alyrica went swimming in the ocean while Jodie swam in the pool. (no comma needed if the subordinator is with the second ind. clause)

  **Subordinators:** Because, since, when, while, although, after, if, even before.
COMMON ERRORS

Run-on Sentence = at least 2 independent clauses combined without any separating punctuation. See Compound or Complex Sentences to correct this problem.

- Alyrica went swimming in the ocean Jodie swam in the pool.

Comma splice = at least 2 indep. clauses combined with only a comma separating them. The easiest way to correct this is by adding a conjunction.

- Alyrica went swimming in the ocean, Jodie swam in the pool.
  - Correction: Alyrica went swimming in the pool, and Jodie swam in the pool.

Colon Usage = independent clause: a , b , c .

- My English instructor informed us of 3 different ways to write a compound sentence: using a semicolon, using a comma followed by a conjunction, using or a semicolon followed by a conjunctive adverb and a comma. (notice the parallelism)