**Find and eliminate all the Prepositional Phrases**

**Identify the Subject of the sentence**

**Find the main verb** and decide how it is acting in the sentence.

**Action Verb**

**Linking Verb**

Complement is a **Direct Object** if it answers "what got [insert verb]??"

**Indirect Object** may be found between the verb and the Direct Object and answers "to whom?" or "for whom?"

Subject Complement is a **Predicate Noun** and may be either a noun or pronoun that can replace the subject.

OR

Complement is a **Predicate Adjective** if it is an adjective that modifies the subject.

**Adverbs** will answer:

| When? | How? |
| Where? | Why? |

To what extent?

Under what condition?

**Find all Modifiers**

**Adjectives** will answer:

Which one?

What kind?

How many?

How much?

## Identify all Phrases

**Participles**: verbs ending in "ing," "ed", or "en" that modify nouns and pronouns—can be removed from sentence

**Gerunds**: verbs ending in "ing" and used as objects of preposition, subject, direct object, indirect object, or predicate nominative—cannot be removed from sentence

**Appositives**: an interrupting thought that explains/defines—follows nouns

**Infinitives**: "to" + "verb" used as adjectives, adverbs, or nouns

## Find all the Clauses

**Independent Clause (IC):** a collection of words that contains a **subject** and a **predicate** that makes sense independently

**Dependent Clause:** a collection of words that contains a **subject** and a **predicate** and must hang on to the IC in order for it to make sense.

**Adjective Clause**: begins with a relative pronoun & modifies a noun/pronoun in the main clause.

**Adverb Clause**: begins with a subordinating conjunction and modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb in main clause.

**Noun Clause**: used as object of preposition, subject, direct object, indirect object, or predicate nominative & cannot be removed from the sentence.

## Identify the Sentence Type:

| **Simple:** One independent clause | **Compound**: two or more independent clauses | **Complex:** one independent clause and at least one dependent clause | **Compound-Complex:** two or more independent clauses with one or more dependent clauses |

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