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Mix it Up! Making Varied Sentences

Make a Simple Sentence:

- It has one complete thought.
- It may have multiple subjects and predicates, and some description words.

*The hungry baby **cried (verb)** for the cold rice cereal.*

Make a Compound Sentence:

- Has two complete thoughts (combined by a conjunction).
- Has two verbs and may also have some description words.

*The baby **cried (verb)** for the cold rice cereal and then she **laughed** (verb).*

Make a Complex Sentence:

- It has one complete thought and added phrases to add description, sometimes separated by a comma.
- A complex sentence always has a subordinator (e.g., as, because, since, after, although, when, or relative pronouns (e.g., who, that, which).

Using the reminders above, create a short story that includes at least three of each kind of sentence. When done, swap stories with a partner and use a highlighter or colored pencils to identify each kind of sentence in your partner's story.

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