There are four main types of sentence structures in English. Simple sentences have a single subject and a single predicate, or compound subjects and/ or predicates. Compound sentences are simple sentences, or independent clauses, joined by coordinating or correlative conjunctions (p. 485). Complex sentences are formed by combining an independent clause with a dependent clause using a subordinating conjunction (unit 14, starting p. 503). Compound/Complex sentences are formed by joining at least two independent clauses with at least one subordinate clause.

1. On composition paper write 12 simple sentences.
2. I went to the store.
3. I bought milk.
4. The baby was crying.
5. Combine pairs of sentences using **coordinating conjunctions** to make 6 compound sentences.
6. I went to the store, **and** I bought milk.
7. Again combine pairs of sentences to make complex sentences by using a **subordinating conjunction** to make an independent and dependent clause.
8. I bought milk **because** the baby was crying.
9. Next combine three simple sentences using a **coordinating conjunction** and a **subordinating conjunction**.
10. I went to the store, **and** I bought milk **because** the baby was crying.
11. Everyone celebrate, **and** each child should tell his or her parents **that** Mr. Whitley is the best teacher of sentence structure ever!