

Year 7 Band A – Week 8

Non-Fiction Unit of Work

- Each week you will explore different skills. **This week is sentences.**
- If you need extra support, or would like some feedback on your work, please email your class teacher.

Lesson 1: Researching sentences- Different types of sentence suit different purposes. Using a variety of sentence types is a key factor to effective writing. What are the different types? What are sentences composed of?

STUCK? The links below will help:

[sentences](#)

[sentences quiz](#)

Design a learning mat on sentences for Year 6 students.

Lesson 2: Exploring sentences

Three main sentence types

- Simple
- Compound
- Complex

1. Are the following simple, compound or complex sentences?

- As Kristina watched the train pull out of the station, she realized she would be late for work yet again.
- Simon drank his morning tea.
- Sarah walked to class, but Kevin ran.

3) Which of these sentence types would be the most effective if trying to create tension? Why?

Lesson 3- Exploring the letter-

Read the letter

- Find an example of simple, compound and complex sentences.
- Find an example of a sentence which starts with an adverb.
- Find an example of a sentence which starts with a verb.
- Rewrite the first paragraph so that it consists of one simple sentence and one compound sentence.
- Look at the highlighted paragraph and add a **compound-complex** sentence

Lesson 4 Writing skills

Write a letter to a Year 7 student from another area of the country, telling them about yourself.

Spend at least 10 mins planning your response! Spend 30 minutes writing your answer.

Success criteria:

- Use the three main sentence types- simple, compound and complex.
- Begin a sentence with a verb
- Begin a sentence with an adverb.
- Try to include a compound-complex sentence
- Include rhetorical questions
- 5 different punctuation marks
- Highlight the different sentences in your work.

Personal Experiences	Background & Lifestyle	Likes and Dislikes
	Picture of you goes here!	Language
Friends		Family



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Dear Penpal,

Hi my name is Jane and I am 12 years old and I am hoping you'll be my Pen-pal.

I live in Somerset which is in the southwest part of the UK and where everyone likes to go on holiday. I go to Rockwell Green High School and am in my first year. It was a bit scary at first because it was so different to Primary school. There were so many new lessons and a new timetable to get my head around! What school do you go to and what is it like? My favourite subject is Maths. I think I am quite good. I like to challenge my friend John to puzzles to see who can solve them first- so far I am winning! What is your favourite subject?

I live in a small town but you only have to drive for five minutes and you are in the countryside. Walking with my parents and my dog Chip is something I love to do. We go up the hill to the Wellington Monument which is on National Trust land and you can see for miles up there. Do you like walking? I would like to say that I am an only child, but I have a brother Ben who is older than me and thinks he knows it all. Unfortunately he walks with us (and bugs me).

I don't have a favourite band I like to listen to, but I do like to read. My favourite author is J. K. Rowling; I really lose myself in her books. Do you like to read? What is your favourite book?

My favourite food is not particularly healthy because it's fish and chips, which is the national dish in England, and I love it when as a family go once a month to the seaside and eat it and try to stop the seagulls from attacking us. Do you have any family traditions that you like?

Please write back quickly, I can't wait to hear from you.

From,
Jane Smith



Answer sheet

Lesson 1. – Possible ideas

. Simple sentence – one independent clause containing a subject and a verb. 'Captain Tom was given a knighthood'.

• Compound sentence – two independent clauses joined using a connective (and, but, or, so etc.) 'Captain Tom was given a knighthood but he missed his own celebratory party'.

• Complex sentence – one independent clause and one dependent clause which is connected to it. 'Captain Tom, a 100-year old war veteran, was recently given a knighthood'.

Lesson 2: Possible answers

1a) complex 1b) simple 1c) compound

2. A simple sentence- can create a sense of urgency or haste/ can be a sign something is going to happen.

Lesson 3: Suggested responses

1. Simple- 'My favourite subject is Maths'. Compound – 'I go to Rockwell Green High School and am in my first year.' Complex - 'I would like to say that I am an only child, but I have a brother Ben who is older than me and thinks he knows it all.'
2. 'Unfortunately he walks with us (and bugs me).'
3. 'Walking with my parents and my dog Chip is something I love to do.'
4. Hi my name is Jane . I am 12 years old and I am hoping you'll be my Pen-pal.
5. Eg. Because I love to read, I like to visit the library; additionally, I enjoy going to book shops.

Lesson 4:

Technique	Have I used it
Simple sentence	
Compound sentence	
Complex sentence	
Compound-complex sentence	
A sentence which starts with an adverb	
A sentence which starts with a verb	
A rhetorical question	
5 different punctuation marks	
Paragraphing for effect	
Letter layout	

