VARYING SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Different sentence structures include simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex structures. Writers should vary their sentence structures, creating flowing, readable prose.

SIMPLE SENTENCES

The professor taught.

You can create pauses and emphasize important concepts through these sentences.

COMPOUND SENTENCES

The professor taught, and Cathy took notes.

You can use these sentences to convey two related thoughts in the same sentence.

COMPLEX SENTENCES

Cathy took notes while the professor taught.

You can use these sentences to show how one part of your sentence directly relates to another part.
While the professor taught, Cathy took notes, and Stephen recorded the lecture.

You can use these sentences to explain complex concepts.