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 Sentence Types (A real horror story!)
(Another nightmare--punctuation may need correction.)

☞ Formula for **simple** sentence = Just one IC*

☞ Formula for **compound** sentence = Two or more IC's (no DC's)*

☞ Formula for **complex** sentence = One IC + one or more DC's *

- Phrases *do not* affect classification: any sentence type may include any number of phrases; only clauses determine sentence type.

Other Rules to Apply

☞ A comma **must** follow *prepositional phrases of 5 words or more that introduce an IC*. A comma **may** follow any prepositional phrase that introduces an IC.

☞ A comma usually follows *an adverb that introduces a sentence or an IC*; however, this rule is optional for adverbs of time—*once, then, now, etc.*

☞ **HOMEWORK**—Label each sentence as *simple, compound, or complex*. Correct punctuation and usage.

1. Despite my fear I bolted out the door.
2. I had an uneasy feeling and quickly ran to the bridge.
3. As I grew nearer my heart sank lower.
4. Slowly I stepped onto the covered bridge and saw two red eyes glaring at me.
5. The monster in front of me must have been seven and a half feet tall its long yellow teeth looked like they were daggers.
6. Then my intuition told me to take a quick glance back at the mansion and I caught a glimpse of a dark figure weaving in and out of the shadows behind me.
7. When I turned the massive figure had disappeared from the bridge.
8. I still felt the presence of something lurking in the darkness near me.
9. Warily I crept across the creaking bridge my hearts pounding filled my ears.
10. Suddenly I saw the thing clearly it was a hideous fiend from Hells lowest depths.