Module 4: Handout 1

**Quick Review of Sentence Types**

* **Simple** - contains one independent clause (one main verb); e.g. “I **put** toothpaste on the toothbrush.”
* **Compound** - contains two or more independent clauses, typically joined by a conjunction (FANBOYS → **F**or, **A**nd, **N**or, **B**ut, **O**r, **Y**et, **S**o) or with punctuation such as a semicolon or dash; e.g., “Then I **get** a cup and I **spit** out the water.”
* **Complex** - contains an independent clause and one or more dependent clauses; e.g., “They **should do** it because it cleans their mouth.”
* **Compound-complex** - contains two or more conjoined independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses; e.g., “Once you're done, you can use floss, **but** I just go ahead and do mouthwash.”
* **Clauses -** A clause contains a subject and a verb. An independent clause conveys a complete thought and can stand alone as a complete sentence; e.g., “I ran.” A dependent or subordinate clause does not convey a complete thought and is therefore not a complete sentence; e.g., “Because I ran.”