



Topic Sentences

Compound and complex sentences make for strong topic sentences. A compound sentence is made up of two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction and a comma. A complex sentence is made up of a subordinate clause and an independent clause joined by a comma and a subordinating conjunction. Read the examples:

- **Simple sentence:** People don't carry briefcases anymore.
- **Compound sentence:** People don't carry briefcases anymore, and there are two main reasons for this.
- **Complex sentence:** Though professional jobs are on the rise, people don't carry briefcases anymore, and there are two main reasons for this

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite the general topic sentence as compound and complex sentences.

Outdoor sports are popular.

Compound:

Complex:

