

textproduction**sentence structure:**

When you write your own texts, it is important to vary your sentence structure to avoid monotony. Try to use these different patterns:

a) a main clause (SP, SPO, SPO place, time);

eg Silvia told Gerald the truth on the way home last night

b) a compound sentence: two or three (or more) main clauses (and, and, so ...)

eg Silvia told Gerald the truth, and he was shocked, and he did not know what to say

c) a complex sentence: a main clause plus a subclause (..... because, when etc)

eg Gerald was shocked when Silvia told him the truth

Conjunctions to use:

and, but, so, though, although, also, even, even though, however, nevertheless,

if (*ob, falls*), whether (*ob*), when, whenever, while, whereas, that, so that,

because, for (*denn*) as (*am Satzanfang: weil, da*), since (*am Satzanfang: weil, da*)

comment

When you write a comment, it is important to express your opinion on a subject-matter but it is equally important to consider different views so that your comment is well-balanced. You have missed the point when your text is one-sided. You may keep in mind that

"to every complex problem there is a solution that is simple, neat, and wrong". (H.L.Mencken)

Try to collect as many arguments as possible, try to take a different perspective from time to time.

Always give reasons for your statements.

The following words and phrases may be useful.

I think, I feel, I believe, I understand the dilemma,

I am not sure, this is very difficult to decide,

this is a complex problem,

there are so many aspects to consider I really cannot make up my mind,

I do not know,

in my opinion, to my mind, from my point of view;

to argue, to criticize,

to solve a problem, to find a solution, to draw a conclusion

some people say , however, I feel, because

some argue that but I do not agree, because

though I have heard the argument ... I think

I have heard the argument, but,

to weigh the pros and cons,

on the one hand ... on the other hand,

to weigh (up) the arguments,

there is good reason to believe (there is no reason to believe)

the reason why I think so,

I (do not) agree to, I do not share this view,

I doubt whether....

after weighing all the pros and cons

to arrive at a conclusion

I !! false friend: "meaning" !!

(German: *Bedeutung*)