Sentences: Six Terms and Techniques to Know

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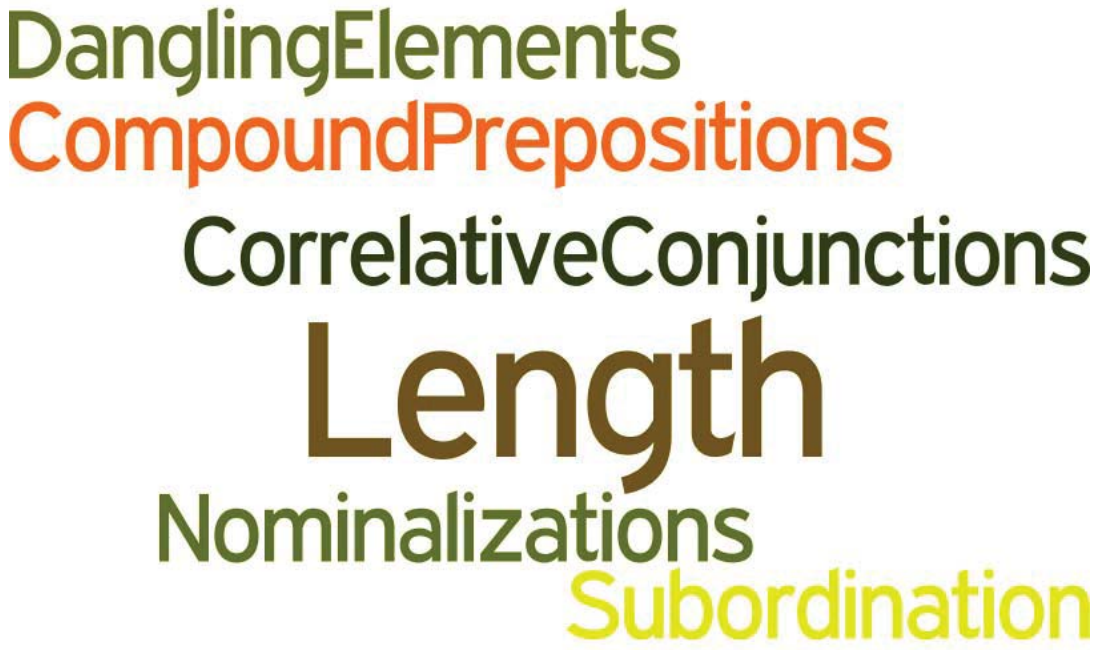

1. What's a good average sentence length?

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-Wydick, *Plain English for Lawyers*
-Enquist & Oates, *Just Writing: Grammar, Punctuation, & Style for the Legal Writer*
-Garner, *Legal Writing in Plain English*

How do I know my average sentence length?

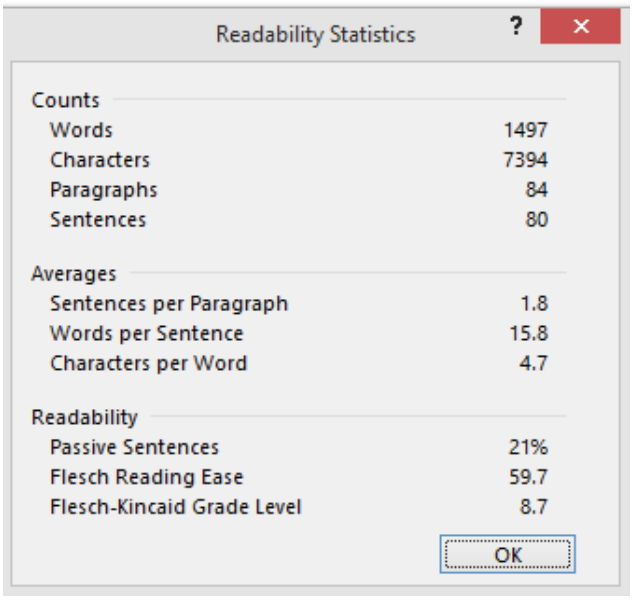
Microsoft Word can tell you.

1. File > Options > Proofing > *When correcting spelling and grammar in Word*

2. Check > *Show readability statistics*

3. You must also check > *Check grammar with spelling*

You'll get a grammar check with every spell check, but you could disable that by going to Settings and unchecking all the grammar settings.



How long for any given sentence?

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words

When do you assess maximum sentence length?

On the edit.

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