

Simple, Compound, and Complex Sentences

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Quick Review

A SIMPLE sentence has one complete idea (independent clause). A COMPOUND sentence has TWO complete ideas joined by *and*, *but*, *or*, *so*. A COMPLEX sentence has one complete idea AND one dependent idea joined by a subordinating conjunction (*because*, *when*, *if*, *although*).

PRACTICE

Pick or write the BEST answer.

- Which is a SIMPLE sentence?
 - I read a book, and my sister did her homework.
 - I read a book.
 - Because it was raining, we stayed inside.
 - I read a book while my sister did homework.
- Which is a COMPOUND sentence?
 - The dog barked.
 - The dog barked, and the cat ran away.
 - When the dog barked, the cat ran away.
 - The barking dog.
- Which is a COMPLEX sentence?
 - She likes art, but she also likes science.
 - Because she likes art, she takes painting classes.
 - She likes art.
 - Art and science.
- Which word makes a COMPOUND sentence?
 - because
 - and
 - when
 - if



5. Which word makes a COMPLEX sentence?
- A. and
 - B. or
 - C. but
 - D. because
6. Which is a fragment (NOT a complete sentence)?
- A. The cat slept on the rug.
 - B. Running through the park.
 - C. She likes pizza.
 - D. Sam read a book.
7. Combine these into a COMPOUND sentence:
I wanted ice cream. The store was closed.
- A. I wanted ice cream because the store was closed.
 - B. I wanted ice cream, but the store was closed.
 - C. When I wanted ice cream the store was closed.
 - D. I wanted ice cream the store was closed.
8. Combine these into a COMPLEX sentence:
It was cold. We wore jackets.
- A. It was cold and we wore jackets.
 - B. Because it was cold, we wore jackets.
 - C. It was cold; we wore jackets.
 - D. It was cold but we wore jackets.
9. Write a SIMPLE sentence about your favorite food: _____
Answer: _____
10. Write a COMPOUND sentence using **and**: _____
Answer: _____
11. Write a COMPLEX sentence using **because**: _____
Answer: _____
12. Which sentence is COMPLEX?
- A. Tom and Jerry played outside.
 - B. Tom played outside, and Jerry stayed in.
 - C. Although Tom was tired, he played outside.
 - D. Tom played outside; Jerry stayed in.




Answer Keys

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Explanations	
1. B	B is one complete idea. The others combine ideas.
2. B	Two complete ideas joined by “and.” A is simple; C is complex; D is a fragment.
3. B	“Because...” = dependent clause + main clause = complex.
4. B	And is a coordinating conjunction → compound. The others are subordinating → complex.
5. D	Because joins a dependent clause → complex. The others are coordinating → compound.
6. B	B is missing a subject. The others are complete simple sentences.
7. B	Compound joins two complete ideas with a comma + coordinating conjunction. A is complex; C is complex; D is a run-on.
8. B	Because = subordinating → complex sentence.
9.	Answer: Example: Pizza is my favorite food. Any one complete idea with a subject and verb.
10.	Answer: Example: I like pizza, and my brother likes tacos. Any two complete ideas joined by and.
11.	Answer: Example: I love pizza because it has cheese on top. Any sentence with a main clause + because + reason.
12. C	Although = subordinating → complex. A and B are simple/compound; D is compound with semicolon.



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