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## Is the Sentence Simple, Compound, Complex, or Compound-Complex? #2

There are different sentence types based on the number and type of clauses in a sentence. A clause has a subject and a predicate.

A <b>simple sentence</b> is made up of one independent clause. An independent clause has a subject and predicate and can stand alone as a complete thought.	The dog looked straight into the photographer's camera.
A <b>compound sentence</b> is made up of two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction such as <i>and</i> , <i>but</i> , <i>or</i> , or <i>so</i> .	Steph walks to school in the mornings, but she rides the bus on her way home.
A <b>complex sentence</b> is made up of an independent clause and a dependent clause. The dependent clause might start with a subordinating conjunction like <i>after</i> , <i>although</i> , <i>because</i> , <i>before</i> , <i>if</i> , <i>since</i> , <i>unless</i> , <i>until</i> , <i>when</i> , and <i>while</i> . It might also start with a relative pronoun like <i>that</i> , <i>which</i> , <i>who</i> , <i>whom</i> , or <i>whose</i> .	Until more drivers are hired, the bakery can only deliver cupcakes and cookies until 10 p.m.
A <b>compound-complex sentence</b> is made up of two or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses.	Since you completed your project, you can go play basketball, or you can watch a movie.

**Directions:** Read each sentence and decide whether it is simple, compound, complex, or compound-complex. Write your answer on the line.

- Since his mom often had to work late at her new job, Jeb started taking on more of the household chores. complex
- Kara practiced her violin solo every night, and her diligence paid off when she was awarded first chair in the school orchestra. compound-complex
- With keen eyes, the magnificent African lion surveyed his expansive grassland domain from atop his high, rocky perch. simple
- No one else had arrived at the park yet, so Kayla sat outside the gate to wait. compound
- Although the interpreter speaks English with a British accent, his native language is actually Italian. complex
- Marcella and Manny are fraternal twins, but they have little in common besides their parents, birthdays, and the first two letters of their names. compound
- Aahna was disappointed that she came in fourth in the 100-meter freestyle event, so she refocused and swam her personal best to win the 200-meter event. compound-complex
- The villagers living in the drought-stricken desert watched hopefully as the storm clouds gathered on the horizon. complex
- The large, fearsome gyascutus, known for having longer legs on one side of its body, is a legendary, mountain-dwelling beast in American folklore. simple
- Elephants communicate with infrasonic sounds, which are sounds with pitches below the range of human hearing, so much of elephant communication is inaudible to us. compound-complex