

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

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

<p>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.</p>	<p>Jamar and I spent all day at the park by the river.</p>
<p>A <b>compound sentence</b> is made up of two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction such as <i>and, but, or, or so</i>.</p>	<p>The sky filled with clouds, and raindrops scattered across the fields.</p>
<p>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, although, because, before, if, since, unless, until, when, and while</i>. It might also start with a relative pronoun like <i>that, which, who, whom, or whose</i>.</p>	<p>If you get the chance, you should hike to the top of Mission Peak.</p>
<p>A <b>compound-complex sentence</b> is made up of two or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses.</p>	<p>Sandra's computer broke, so she's borrowing Jeff's old laptop until she can get it fixed.</p>

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

1. The group explores innovative ways to handle the volume and variety of plastics used in the community. \_\_\_\_\_
2. When the particles in a solid have more thermal energy, they vibrate more quickly, and the temperature of the substance goes up. \_\_\_\_\_
3. As soon as the generator turned on, a loud hum filled every corner of the room. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The scientists were on a research expedition in frigid coastal waters when they observed the pod of whales. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Humans are the only animals known to blush. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Hurricane season is approaching, so you should make a plan for evacuation in case a storm heads your way. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The mimic octopus can change its coloring, and it can even contort its body to look like other creatures. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I exhaled loudly, and the instructor calmly offered reassurance. \_\_\_\_\_
9. During the board meeting, the superintendent will consider input from the public about a ban on cell phones in the classroom. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The inventor of cotton candy, who was surprisingly a dentist, had an idea for a new kind of sweet, and he teamed up with a candy maker to make it happen. \_\_\_\_\_