

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 simple sentence 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 compound sentence 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>.</p>	<p>The sky filled with clouds, and raindrops scattered across the fields.</p>
<p>A complex sentence 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>.</p>	<p>If you get the chance, you should hike to the top of Mission Peak.</p>
<p>A compound-complex sentence 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. _____