

Sentence Types

Directions: Read and analyze each sentence. Circle the predicates and underline the subjects. Draw a line separating the clauses in the sentence. Write the sentence type on the line.

Simple Sentence: a sentence that has only one clause.

Compound Sentence: a sentence with two or more clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction.

Complex Sentence: two or more clauses joined with a subordinating conjunction.

Compound-Complex: three or more clauses joined by coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

Example: Mom did the dishes.
S P (simple sentence)

It is cold in the classroom | **but** it is hot in the hall
S P (Compound sentence)

Coordinating Conjunctions: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so.

Subordinating Conjunctions: as, because, although, since, before, when, once, if, even if, whatever, whenever, during, until, unless, wherever, whether, while, as if, even if, that

1. When I get home from school, I'm going to take a nap. _____ Sentence Type
2. I got in trouble so I can't go to the party, but it would have been fun. _____ Sentence Type
3. Being alone can be scary unless you keep yourself busy. _____ Sentence Type
4. Mr. Morton, the best reading teacher in the world, taught me sentence structure. _____ Sentence Type
5. Keith, Carrie, and Kyle bought donuts and ate them down by the river. _____ Sentence Type
6. I left early so that I could get some work done, but I'll be back soon. _____ Sentence Type
7. Crossing the street is dangerous if you don't look both ways before you cross. _____ Sentence Type
8. If you don't want to study, you should stay home, but you may regret it. _____ Sentence Type
9. Every time I go to mall, I spend all of my money on things that I don't need. _____ Sentence Type
10. Mom said that I can go to the museum with you but I have to be home early. _____ Sentence Type
11. *Modern Warfare* is a fun game but no game is better than *Ms. Pac-Man*. _____ Sentence Type
12. Todd and Nick are eating chips and salsa on a park bench before dinner. _____ Sentence Type

Try it yourself:

On the back of this paper **write two simple sentence, two compound sentences, and two complex sentences.** Circle your predicates and underline your subjects.