Directions: Read each sentence and decide whether it is simple, compound, complex, or compound-complex.

1. The group explores innovative ways to handle the volume and variety of plastics used in the community.

Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex

2. When the particles in a solid have more thermal energy, they vibrate more quickly, and the temperature of the substance goes up.

Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex

3. As soon as the generator turned on, a loud hum filled every corner of the room.

Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex

4. The scientists were on a research expedition in frigid coastal waters when they observed the pod of whales.

Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex

5. Humans are the only animals known to blush.

Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex

6. Hurricane season is approaching, so you should make a plan for evacuation in case a storm heads your way.

Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex

7. The mimic octopus can change its coloring, and it can even contort its body to look like other creatures.

Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex

8. I exhaled loudly, and the instructor calmly offered reassurance.

Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex

9. During the board meeting, the superintendent will consider input from the public about a ban on cell phones in the classroom.

Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex

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.

Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex

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