

Sentences and Clauses

Simple Sentences

Simple sentences can have a 1 Subject and a 1 Verb = I bought a bag of candy.

Simple sentences can have 2 Subjects and 1 Verb = Helen and I saved our birthday money.

Simple sentences can have 1 Subject and 2 Verbs = John washed and dried the cars for pay.

Compound Sentences

Compound sentences must have at least two independent clauses usually joined by a conjunction (FANBOYS – for, and, but, or, yet, so) = Subj / Verb **and** Subj / Verb

My brother spent his money at the store, **but** I left my money at home.

My sister was hired to water the flowers, **and** I was hired to cut the grass.

Daisy chose the green dress, **so** I chose the red one.

Directions: Identify the Subjects and Verbs in the following sentences and identify whether they are “simple” (S) or “compound” (C).

- 1) A lot of people have part-time jobs. _____
- 2) People should save some of their money and they should not spend all of it. _____
- 3) A sudden expense can be a big problem. _____
- 4) The car can break or the washer can die. _____
- 5) You can do jobs in your neighborhood. _____
- 6) You can walk the dog or you can cut the grass. _____
- 7) You can sell books or video games online. _____
- 8) Keep saving your money so you will have money for a rainy day. _____

Independent and Dependent Clauses

Simple Sentences are sentences with only 1 Independent clause and NO dependent clauses. An independent clause has at least one subject and one verb and expresses a complete thought.

Independent Clause = I have extra cookies in my lunch today.

Independent Clause = I sold all the bananas in the box.

Dependent Clauses are not able to stand on their own as sentences and do not express a complete thought.

Dependent Clause = If it rains, I will bring my umbrella.

Dependent Clause = I want to save my extra money, because I want to buy a gift for my mom.

Directions: Identify if the underlined clauses in the following sentences are Independent (I) or Dependent (D).

- 1) I want to buy that game, but I don't have extra money in the budget for it. _____
- 2) I don't need that part-time job; I am applying to a full-time job. _____
- 3) I want to earn a salary, because I want to save money. _____
- 4) If you want to borrow my book, I will bring it tomorrow. _____
- 5) It's too expensive; I can't pay you that much. _____
- 6) I will choose the cheaper one, because I want to save money. _____
- 7) I sold all the apples today, because I put them on sale. _____
- 8) When you work at a job, it is important to serve people well. _____
- 9) I want a different work schedule, because I need to study after school. _____
- 10) I quit my part-time job, because I want to play sports after school. _____