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BASIC SENTENCE STRUCTURES

A. DIRECTIONS: Identify each sentence as *simple*, *compound*, *complex*, or *compound-complex*.

- _____ Mr. Griffin runs a pet store, and his children help him.
- _____ When I get to London, I will try to call, but I may be too busy.
- _____ The company that contacted me by phone has a bad reputation.
- _____ My brother and sister will arrive tomorrow.
- _____ After the game was over, we ordered a pizza.
- _____ The situation is confusing, but I hope to have more news soon.
- _____ Your argument is weak, and you show no support for your ideas.
- _____ I am interested in going into politics when I finish college.
- _____ The mountain areas are barren, but the valleys are fertile since they are irrigated daily.
- _____ Wild cats often hunt at night, but some prefer dawn or dusk.



B. DIRECTIONS: Write a compound sentence that combines each pair of shorter sentences below. Use an appropriate conjunction and correct punctuation.

- The article was interesting. It did not have the information I needed.

- Cats vary in size. Many have wild colorings.

- We had been traveling for ten hours. We were happy to reach the motel

C. DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each sentence by adding a dependent clause to form a complex sentence. Use the word in parentheses to introduce the dependent clause.

- School closings were announced on TV and radio. (because)

- Do your homework first. (if)

WELL DONE!!!