

Write MC above the underlined clause if it is a main clause; write SC if the underlined clause is a subordinate clause. In the space provided, identify whether the sentence provided is simple (S) or complex (C).

S C 1. Because organisms suit their environments, SC MC

you can tell much about them from their shapes and sizes.

S C 2. Water animals and land animals look different SC MC

because they have different needs.

S C 3. Land animals are often covered with rough skin or hair. SC MC

S C 4. The skin of water animals is likely to be slimy and slippery,

so that the animals can slide easily through the water. SC MC

S C 5. Although most land dwellers have strong legs for walking on the surface of the earth, SC MC  
water animals need a different means of propulsion.

S C 6. Fish, whales, and dolphins have fins and tails,

which they use to propel themselves through the water. SC MC

S C 7. Water changes temperature much more slowly than air does, SC MC

since bodies of water can retain their temperatures for longer periods than air.

S C 8. Because bodies of water do not vary greatly in temperature, water animals do not  
have to adjust to temperature changes as much as land animals do. SC MC

S C 9. Under the water both aquatic plants and animals usually have plenty of food. SC MC

S C 10. Because water surrounds aquatic plants, they are in no danger of drying out. SC MC