



Compound sentences vs. complex sentences

Determine if each sentence is complex or compound.

A compound sentence has two full sentences joined by for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

A complex sentence has one main thought with additional information added using words like because, though, before, after, although, while and once.

Sentences	Complex	Compound
1. It was getting dark outside, so they went back home.		✓
2. We ate sandwiches tonight because there were no eggs left.		
3. Once the paint dries, we can hang the picture.		
4. James plays videogames, and he is good at it.		
5. Before you fold your clothes, make sure they are dry.		

