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Simple or Compound?

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Decide whether each of the sentences below is simple or compound. Circle your responses. Remember that compound sentences contain two simple sentences connected by a conjunction.

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| 1. Benjamin Franklin lived from 1706 until 1790. | simple | compound |
| 2. The talented man was an inventor, a writer, and a statesman. | simple | compound |
| 3. Benjamin Franklin helped establish the first library in America, and he served as our nation's first postmaster. | simple | compound |
| 4. Bifocals, lightning rods, and the Franklin stove were all invented by Benjamin Franklin. | simple | compound |
| 5. Benjamin Franklin agreed with the ideas stated in the Declaration of Independence, but he did not write it. | simple | compound |
| 6. The poet Anne Bradstreet lived from 1612 until 1672. | simple | compound |
| 7. She was born in England, but Massachusetts became her home in 1630. | simple | compound |
| 8. Anne Bradstreet's poems reflect on her family and the life of Puritans in colonial America. | simple | compound |

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