SIMPLE, COMPLEX, COMPOUND, AND COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCES

SIMPLE SENTENCES:
The car stopped on the street.

COMPLEX SENTENCES:
The car stopped on the street the traffic light turned red.

A sentence with more than one principal clause but no subordinate clauses is called a **compound sentence**. The principal clauses are joined together by co-ordinate conjunctions (and, but, or, yet, for, so, and nor). There is usually a comma before a co-ordinate conjunction that joins clauses.

COMPOUND SENTENCES:
The car stopped on the street, the little dog dashed in front of it.

COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCES:
The weather seems fine now, just wait until this afternoon, a tornado may strike.

Sentences with two or more principal clauses and one or more subordinate clauses are called compound-complex sentences.

Write **SIMPLE, COMPLEX, COMPOUND, or COMPOUND-COMPLEX** for the following sentences.

1. Down the lane, past the house, and into the field ran the runaway horse.

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2. Alberta is famous for the Calgary Stampede, but it is also known for its oil reserves.

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3. When it started raining, they got soaked.

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4. Motorists must be careful when they drive, because moose are often on the road.

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5. Compare margarine, which is an edible oil, with butter, which is made from milk.

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6. During the locomotive era, Canada built a railway across the continent.

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7. Mr. Jones has a lot of books, and he is well informed about current events.

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8. Taxation without representation was a common complaint two hundred years ago.

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9. When Jane bought a treat for her dog, did she give it to him immediately, or did she wait?

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10. Before I was born, my mother worked as a receptionist.

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11. Don't tell me you that you can't find your backpack!

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12. Fighting is what some children do when they are bored, but Peter and Fred aren't like that.

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