

Compound Complex Sentence Study Guide

Complex

- Trying to determine if you have a simple, compound, or complex sentence, you must first look for an ABE IS TUV (Subordinating Conjunction)
 - after, as, before, because, besides, even though, even if, if, since, though, unless, upon, until, when, wherever, while, whenever, whether-----These all begin Dependent Clauses!
- Punctuation Rule: "If a sentence begins with a subordinating conjunction, there is a comma before the independent clause."
 - Since everyone has to study for the test, they should all get A's.
- Punctuation Rule: There is no comma when the subordinating conjunction comes in the middle of the sentence.
 - I like to play softball after I finish all of my work.
- So, a COMPLEX SENTENCE is made up of a DEPENDENT CLAUSE combined with an INDEPENDENT CLAUSE.
 - Remember, you need an ABE IS TUV to make a clause a dependent clause.
- Don't forget the Relative Pronouns: who, whose, whom, which, and that.
 - These give more information about the subject, but are also dependent clauses because they cannot stand on their own and they can also be taken out of a sentence and the sentence will still make sense.
 - Jeff, who is tall and lean, is the pitcher for our baseball team.
 - She is reading that book with the dragon on the cover every single day.

Take out the dependent clause and you still have a sentence

Compound Sentences

- If there is no ABE IS TUV, then look for a Fanboys (For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So) and a comma. Plus, there needs to be a complete sentence on both sides of the FANBOYS (called Coordinating Conjunctions because they connect Two Independent Clauses)
 - I really like chicken wings, but I don't like oysters.
- Remember, the COMMA and FANBOYS can be replaced by a SEMICOLON to combine the two independent clauses to make a compound sentence.
 - Jessie really enjoyed her date; she was sure he would text her to set up another one.
- Just because you see a FANBOYS and a COMMA does not mean that the sentence is a compound one because there is not a sentence on both sides of the FANBOYS and comma.
 - Tim and Sandy married on October 27th, 1998. ("Tim" is not a complete sentence)
 - I like pizza, chicken wings, football, and cheerleaders. ("cheerleaders" is not a complete sentence)
 - So, the two sentences in 3 a. and 3 b are called SIMPLE SENTENCES because they contain only ONE INDEPENDENT CLAUSE.

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Simple, Compound, Complex Take Home Test

Directions: Punctuate the following sentences correctly if needed and identify whether they are simple, compound, or complex and circle the conjunctions if there are any: 3 things!

11. _____ My dad said that I can go play football after I finish my all of my homework.
12. _____ I am excited about the New Year and I am going to try my best to make sure it is a good one.
13. _____ When a person tries their very hardest they often experience good results.
14. _____ For example, even though I had to stay up late to study for the test I got an “A” on it. That made the effort worth it.
15. _____ “Failure is only the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.”

DIRECTIONS: IDENTIFY THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES ACCORDING TO STRUCTURE. USE THESE ABBREVIATIONS: SIMPLE (S), COMPOUND (C), COMPLEX (CX).

1. ____ Although Clayton didn't share his feelings for Kelly, she knew that he liked her.
2. ____ Clayton, however, missed many opportunities to tell Kelly about his feelings.
3. ____ One morning at school Clayton complimented Kelly on her pretty outfit, but she barely even looked at him.
4. ____ Clayton wondered what he could do to gain her attention.
5. ____ So, he offered to help her on a math problem, but Kelly just ignored him.
6. ____ Clayton came up with a new idea; he left a big, red rose on her desk with his name on it.
7. ____ Kelly put the rose on the floor and shockingly never even thanked him!
8. ____ Clayton wrote some poetry and delivered it to her, yet she never mentioned it.
9. ____ Determined to win her over, Clayton handed her a box of yummy chocolates in a box wrapped with red paper, an intricately tied white ribbon, and his picture in it.
10. ____ Clayton became surprised by the power of chocolate when Kelly opened the box and turned toward him with a delighted, warm smile.