

Sentence Structure Review

Theory

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

1. What is a compound sentence? **Two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction.**
2. What is a complex sentence? **One independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.**
3. What is a simple sentence? **One independent clause and NO dependent clauses.**
4. What are the coordinating conjunctions? **They join words, phrases, or clauses of equal weight; they are and, or, nor, but, for, yet, and so.**
5. What are some of the subordinating conjunctions (WABU WABU WATIST)? **while, although, as, because, until, who, before, unless, when, after, though, if, since, then, whenever.**
6. What is an example of a conjunctive adverb? **They connect phrases or clauses. Examples include consequently, therefore, likewise, next, still, etc. (Want more? Visit chompchomp.com) Conjunctive Adverbs**
7. What are some examples of indefinite pronouns? **They are not exact amounts but they are pronouns that replace nouns or other pronouns in a sentence. Examples include each, anyone, everyone, some, few, both, etc.**

Directions: Underline the clauses in the following sentences. Label the **independent** clauses with an “I” and underline them once. Label the **dependent** clauses with a “D” and underline them twice. Identify each sentence as being simple (S), compound (CD), or complex (CX).

8. **Elmer Fudd hunts rabbits, so be very quiet. compound**
9. **The other men became quiet after the notorious robber Yosemite Sam strolled into the room. complex**
10. **Wile E. Coyote chases the Road Runner although he never catches him. complex**



11. Granny kept Sylvester from Tweety Bird, but the determined feline tried again and again. **compound**
12. Bugs Bunny eats carrots and makes wisecracks in his animated films. **simple**
13. Daffy Duck and Bugs Bunny escaped Elmer Fudd, but the Abominable Snowman got them. **compound**
14. That pesky barnyard rooster Foghorn Leghorn teases the dog in most of his cartoons, and the dog usually gets him back. **compound**
15. Marvin the Martian battled Duck Dodgers for Planet X, and they both lost. **compound**
16. The Tasmanian Devil ate “wild turkey surprise” and had a bad stomachache. **simple**
17. When Bugs Bunny climbed the ship’s mast, he could not get down. **complex**
18. Yosemite Sam chopped down the mast to help him. **simple**
19. Marvin the Martian wanted to destroy the earth because it blocked his view of Venus. **complex**
20. When Sylvester lost the can opener, the mouse taunted him. **complex**
21. Count Bloodcount tried to get Bugs Bunny in “Transylvania 6-5000.” **simple**
22. Bugs changed him into a two-headed vulture that attracted a female two-headed vulture. **complex**
23. When I say, “Whoa,” I mean “Whoa.” **complex**
24. The Tasmanian Devil is on the loose! Run for your lives! **simple**



DIRECTIONS: Read the following article carefully and answer the questions that follow.



How Many Fries Do You Get With That Potato?

Call it Tuber Tour 2012.

The Idaho Potato Commission is commemorating its 75th anniversary and hoping to dispel some bad press for potatoes by taking a lifelike, six-ton spud on a seven-month, 32-state tour.

The Big Idaho Potato departs the state Capitol Friday morning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Gov. Butch Otter. The building-sized potato that was first seen at the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl will be making stops that include Chicago, New York, Washington, Denver and Los Angeles.

That one stop will be outside the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where officials last year questioned whether potatoes should be included in school lunches and banned it from the food stamp program.

The public can trace the route on the Big Idaho Potato's website,
<http://www.bigidahopotato.com>.

Source: Associated Press, Originally published April 1, 2012 on tweentribune.com.

25. What is the sentence structure of the first sentence in the article? **simple**
26. What is the structure of the underlined sentence in the article? How can you tell you are right? **It is complex because there is one independent clause and one dependent clause.**
27. How many subordinating conjunctions do you see in the last sentence of the article? Circle them. **There are two.**

Directions: Identify the correct sentence structure according to the formulas you see below.

28. **Independent clause + subordinating conjunction + dependent clause = complex**
29. **Independent clause + no dependent clause = simple**
30. **Independent clause + coordinating conjunction + independent clause = compound**

Directions: Identify the underlined clause as being either **independent** or **dependent**. Be careful and watch your conjunctions (coordinating and subordinating).

31. When I called Pizza Inn to order my dinner, the boy she has a crush on answered the phone.
32. I grow daffodils, bluebonnets, and irises as perennials, but I planted pansies this year as annuals.
33. Although he begged Sheila to stay, Mike was not able to hold on to the best employee he had at Whataburger.
34. Because the toad was fed Dr. Pepper in my chemistry class, an unfortunate event occurred.
35. My notorious classmate, Jimmy Badboy, denied all knowledge about the frog.



36. A teacher plants the learning seeds, and a student's knowledge blossoms like a beautiful oak tree.
37. If we plan to order pizza for dinner tonight, I'd like a Chicago style with pepperoni, Italian sausage, and ground beef.
38. Coach Wujek would prefer pizza with jalapeños and pepperoni on it.
39. While you were out, the neighbor's dog, Bane, rang the door bell fourteen times.
40. Psycho Baylie loves a good swim, but she shouldn't wear her shock collar into the pool!
41. He was in my year, but I didn't know his name. (Collins 38)
42. I could never bring myself to continue the practice [singing] after he was gone. (Collins 43)
43. We go to another compartment to watch the recap of the reappings across Panem. (Collins 45)
44. We see them all gathered together when we come back. (Collins 97)
45. I pick up another spear while Peeta throws. (Collins 99)
46. When Effie taps on the door to call me to dinner, I decide I may as well go. (Collins 105)

Directions: Identify the sentence structure in the underlined sentences below. Use the margins as your writing area. Be careful!

Claudia knew that she could never pull off the old-fashioned kind of running away. That is, running away in the heat of anger with a knapsack on her back. She didn't like discomfort; even picnics were untidy and inconvenient: all those insects and the sun melting the icing on the cupcakes. Therefore, she decided that her leaving home would not be just running from somewhere but would be running to somewhere. To a large place, a comfortable place, an indoor place, and preferably a beautiful place. And that's why she decided upon the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

complex

She planned very carefully; she saved her allowance and she chose her companion. She chose Jamie, the second youngest of her three younger brothers. He could be counted on to be quiet, and now and then he was good for a laugh. Besides, he was rich; unlike most boys his age, he had never even begun collecting baseball cards. He saved almost every penny he got.

compound

simple

But Claudia waited to tell Jamie that she had decided upon him. She couldn't count on him to be *that* quiet for *that* long. And she calculated needing *that* long to save her weekly allowances. It seemed senseless to run away without money. Living in the suburbs had taught her that everything costs.

simple

complex

She had to save enough for train fare and a few expenses before she could tell Jamie or make final plans. In the meantime she almost forgot why she was running away. But not entirely. Claudia knew it had to do with injustice. She was the oldest child and the only girl and was subject to a lot of injustice. Perhaps it was because she had to both empty the dishwasher and set the table on the same night while her brothers got out of everything. And, perhaps, there was another reason more clear to me than to Claudia. A reason that had to do with the sameness of each and every week. She was bored with simply being straight-A's Claudia Kincaid. She was tired of arguing about whose turn it was to choose the Sunday night seven-thirty television show, of injustice, and of the monotony of everything.¹

simple

¹ Konigsburg, E.L. From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. New York: Atheneum, 1980.

DIRECTIONS: Read the following article carefully and answer the questions that follow. Underline the independent clauses once and the dependent clauses twice.



Does Ashton Kutcher look like Steve Jobs?

He's already a titan of social media, so it only makes sense that Ashton Kutcher would play the late Apple founder Steve Jobs in an upcoming biography.

Kutcher's publicist confirmed Tuesday that the independent film "Jobs" will begin production in May while he's on hiatus from the CBS sitcom *Two and a Half Men*. *Variety* first reported the casting news.

The 34-year-old actor, who has over 10 million Twitter followers, will portray Jobs through his rise from hippie to hugely revered technological entrepreneur as the co-founder of Apple. Jobs died last October after a long battle with cancer.

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47. Write down three subordinating conjunctions you see in this article. (No repeats)

They include that, while, and who.

DIRECTIONS: Identify sentence structure of the underlined sentences in the following article originally posted on March 11, 2012 on tweentribune.com.



There Once Was a Gorilla and a Rabbit

An elderly gorilla that lives at a Pennsylvania zoo has a new companion: a bunny named Panda.

The Erie Zoo's gorilla, Samantha, has been without a full-time friend since the death of Rudy, a male gorilla, in 2005.

Officials say the 47-year-old western lowland gorilla is too old to be paired with another gorilla. But she needs the same thing any human does: a friend.

So they opted last month to introduce her to Panda, a Dutch rabbit, last month.

"To have something sharing their space that they can observe and interact with is always going to be beneficial," zoo Director Cindy Kreider said.

Zookeepers started slowly. Panda was moved to an area close to Samantha's night quarters. Then keepers held her up to Samantha for inspection. Panda was let into the exhibit by herself to get the lay of the land. Finally, he was let in while Sam was in there, too -- with an escape hatch for the rabbit, just in case.

"Right off the bat, they hit it off," Kreider said.

Samantha and Panda get along well. Samantha will gently scratch under the bunny's chin and share her food.

Officials at the zoo say Samantha has always had a gentle personality. She was hand-raised and was more comfortable around humans even when Rudy was alive.

48. First sentence _____ **complex**

49. Second sentence _____ **simple**

50. Third sentence _____ **simple**