

Grammatical Sentence Structures Worksheet | Name: _____

Sentences can be simple, compound, complex, or compound-complex.

The Simple Sentence: Simple sentences have only one independent clause and are limited to one subject and one verb.

The Compound Sentence: Compound sentences are composed of two or more independent clauses, joined either by a conjunction or a semicolon.

The Complex Sentence: Complex sentences use one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.

The Compound-Complex Sentence: The compound-complex sentence joins a compound and a complex sentence together. It should contain two or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses.

1. Lucinda loves to go to the flea markets and spend her days shopping.
 - a. Simple Sentence
 - b. Compound Sentence
 - c. Complex Sentence
 - d. Compound-Complex Sentence

Your sentence: _____

2. Nate is fond of saying that there is nothing relaxing about chopping wood, swatting mosquitoes, and cooking over a woodstove.
 - a. Simple Sentence
 - b. Compound Sentence
 - c. Complex Sentence
 - d. Compound-Complex Sentence

Your sentence: _____

3. Clarice went to the South of France, and her friend Pauline went to Las Vegas.
 - a. Simple Sentence
 - b. Compound Sentence
 - c. Complex Sentence
 - d. Compound-Complex Sentence

Your sentence: _____

4. Dexter took the desktop computer that he uses at work, and Danielle sits on the beach with her laptop computer, which she connects to the internet with a cellular phone.
 - a. Simple Sentence
 - b. Compound Sentence
 - c. Complex Sentence
 - d. Compound-Complex Sentence

Your sentence: _____

Clauses and Phrases Worksheet | Name: _____

- a) An independent clause is a collection of grammatically-related words which includes a verb and a subject. An independent clause makes sense by itself and can even be its own sentence.
- b) A dependent clause is a group of words that contains a subject and verb but does not express a complete thought. A dependent clause can not stand by itself. Dependent clauses are often referred to as "sentence fragments".
- c) A phrase is a collection of words that may have nouns or verbs but does not have a subject interacting with a verb. A phrase differs from a dependent clause because phrases generally lack a subject.

Circle the Dependent Clause

- a) Although Wendell held his daughter.
- b) Candy did not want to marry.
- c) Because Stanley was laughing at the joke.
- d) Since the judge takes a dim view of blue jeans in court.
- e) The alligator has escaped from his pond.
- f) Although it could be reversed on appeal.

Circle the Phrase

- a) I despise cauliflower.
- b) Having tried the case.
- c) You will have five minutes before the first test.
- d) There is a fine line between ignorance and intelligence.
- e) Broken into thousands of pieces.
- f) Affirming the trial court's ruling.

Write three (3) Independent Clauses

1. Your sentence: _____

2. Your sentence: _____

3. Your sentence: _____
