

Compound sentences vs. complex sentences

Grade 3 Sentences Worksheet

Determine if each sentence is complex or compound.

A compound sentence has two full sentences joined by for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

A complex sentence has one main thought with additional information added using words like because, though, before, after, although, while and once.

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3. They practice yoga, and they like to meditate.		
4. After the end of the movie, Juliette wanted more popcorn.		
5. I would love to help, but I have work to do.		
6. Before you answer the door, look who it is through the window.		
7. Do you want an ice cream sundae, or do you prefer some cake?		
8. Phil has studied hard because the test is tomorrow.		
9. Camden wants to exercise, yet he is reading a book.		
10. We should leave for the movie since you are here.		
11. They hurried through supper, so they could have dessert.		
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