

Simple and complex sentences

Grade 3 Sentences Worksheet

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- _____ 3. After the sun sets, it gets cooler outside.
- _____ 4. This painting looks beautiful.
- _____ 5. Whenever her cousins come for a visit, Gisele gets sick.
- _____ 6. She put down the plate.
- _____ 7. While you read the book, I will watch a movie.
- _____ 8. He ate two eggs.
- _____ 9. He eats eggs whenever he is hungry.
- _____ 10. Dan received a new guitar.
- _____ 11. Dan received a new guitar for his birthday.
- _____ 12. Dan received a new guitar because it was his birthday.

A simple sentence expresses just one thought:

The boy ran to the store.

Complex sentences add more information starting with words like *because, though, before, after, although, while, when, whenever* and *once*.

The boy ran to the store because his mom told him to.



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