

Simple, compound and complex sentences

Grade 5 Sentences Worksheet

Label each sentence in the paragraph **simple, compound, or complex**.

My friends are wonderful people (simple). Helen works at the school, and she helps at the church (_____). She likes to help others because she is so generous (_____). Thomas always helps me with my homework (_____). He is excellent in math and science (_____). He studies physics, and he helps teach a class on the weekends (_____). I think he will be a famous scientist someday since he is so passionate about learning (_____). Isabelle loves to dance (_____). She dances and sings in all of the school musicals (_____). She will be a professional dancer when she finishes college (_____). I am a lucky girl because I have such great friends (_____).

A **simple sentence** has one complete thought.

The boy ran to the store.

A **compound sentence** has two complete thoughts joined with a comma and conjunction.

The boy ran to the store, and his sister stayed home.

A **complex sentence** has one complete thought plus a dependent clause.

The boy ran to the store where he bought milk.



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Answers

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