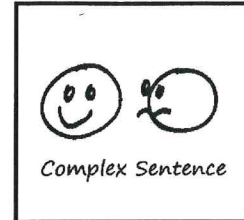
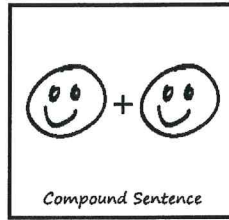
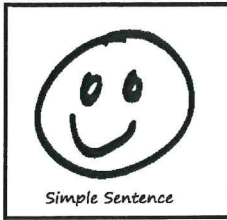


Sentence Structure Practice




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Directions:

1. Look at each sentence and decide if it can be broken into two smaller clauses. (A **clause** is a group of words that has a SUBJECT doing or being a VERB.)
2. If the sentence *can't* be broken into smaller clauses, then it's a SIMPLE SENTENCE. Put a check mark in the SIMPLE SENTENCE column.
3. If the sentence *can* be broken into two smaller clauses, look for a comma with a FANBOYS conjunction or a semi-colon. If there *is* one, put a rectangle around it. EX. , and ;. Put a check mark in the COMPOUND SENTENCE column.
4. If the sentence *can* be broken into two smaller clause, but one of the clauses leaves you hanging for more details if you say it alone, then draw a circle around the subordinating conjunction. EX. because although that Put a check mark in the COMPLEX SENTENCE column.

1. Gini makes the best coffee drinks.	✓		
2. The best job in the world would be working on the starship <i>Enterprise</i> , but that career is unfortunately only available in the movies.		✓	
3. Her body language indicated that English was her least favorite subject.			✓
4. Karlene drove slowly through the heavy traffic.	✓		
5. Should I mow the backyard, or should I wash the cars?		✓	
6. Jack took his paper back out of the turn in tray since he was able to finally do his work on Schoology.			✓
7. When the cat sleeps on top of the television, his tail swipes the screen like a windshield wiper.			✓
8. Julie is a real hypochondriac.	✓		

			
9. Jeremiah likes peanut butter on his pancakes instead of syrup.	✓		
10. The hairy white cat waited for Sylvia to lay her dark suit on the bed so that he could snuggle and snooze in a warm place.			✓
11. Because his glasses were so thick, Quincy would not get contacts.			✓
12. Quincy worried that equally thick contact lenses would turn him into a bug-eyed space alien.			✓
13. The smell of the caramel bun is appealing, but I wouldn't eat anything so sticky in the morning.		✓	
14. In preparation for the quiz, Matt studied his compound and complex sentences until he thought that his brain would burst. (This one has 3 clauses!!)			✓
15. When Jim threw his back out, he feared the doctor's treatment.			✓
16. Cheryl settled onto her pool raft and opened her new Stephen King novel as the neighbor cranked up his lawnmower.			✓
17. Josie, Don's terrier, barks at anything.	✓		
18. Derek wanted a ferocious pit bull to scare off burglars; his apartment complex, however, did not allow dogs.		✓	
19. Chet wanted a dragon tattoo on his shoulder, and he also wanted a dragon earring.		✓	
20. Cindy's mumbling often gets her into trouble.	✓		
21. Just the other day, her stylist misunderstood her instructions and dyed Cindy's hair blue.	✓		
22. Since he couldn't get a pit bull, Derek settled for naming his goldfish Mr Jaws.			✓
23. MacKenzie left the room, for her father was crunching raw radishes really loudly.		✓	
24. Rachel painstakingly ironed her linen shirt, and it was a pointless chore.		✓	
25. Steve bragged for weeks to Ann about his mother's delicious chili, but the hair on the kidney bean ruined the dish for Ann.		✓	
26. Because John's tapping during the lesson was disruptive to her, Tori whacked him over the head with a heavy dictionary.			✓