

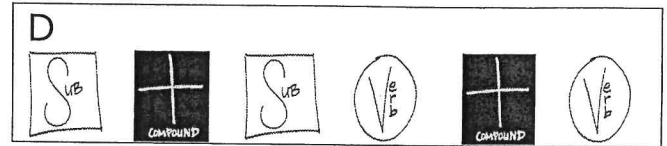
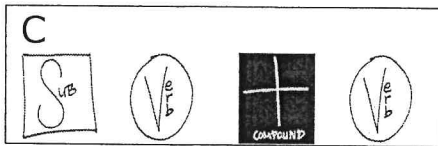
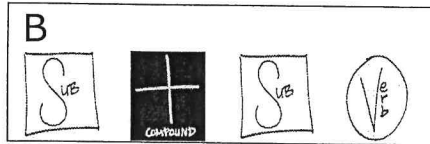
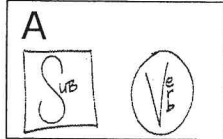
Symbols



The "simple sentence" a.k.a.:
 "independent clause"* and "complete thought"

Characteristics: (See BINDER Q1-C3)

- ~Contains a *subject* AND a *verb*
- ~Leaves the reader satisfied and without questions or looking for more information
- ~4 forms:



**clause*: a group of words that contains BOTH a *subject* AND a *verb*

~Groups of words that do not have BOTH subjects and verbs are called "phrases"

, and

The "comma-conjunction" a.k.a.:
 "comma and coordinating* conjunction"
 and "the *Dynamic Duo*"



Characteristics:

- ~Just as **STRONG** as a *period* [.]
- ~Separates *independent clauses* from one another

coordinating conjunctions

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*"Coordinating Conjunctions" are little words that join ideas, phrases, or clauses together.

- ~When combined with a *comma*, these *conjunctions* become as powerful as a *period*. (Mrs. Nutter calls them a "Dynamic Duo" when the two are used together.)

BINDER
 Q4-C6



SUBORDINATING
CONJUNCTION

*The "subordinating conjunction"

Characteristics:

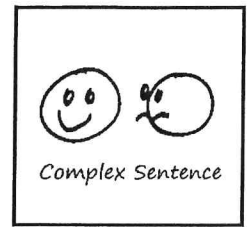
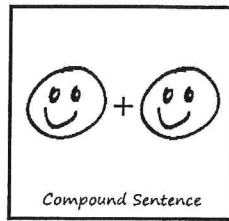
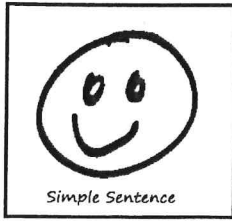
- ~Whenever a clause starts with one of THESE words, it loses its ability to function on its own and still make sense. It is FORCED to be connected to an *independent clause*.
- ~Whenever *subordinate* or *dependent clauses* are placed at the BEGINNING of the overall sentence, they are followed by a *comma* to separate them from the *main, independent clause*.
- ~NO COMMA is used to separate *dependent/subordinate clauses* from the *independent clause* when they are placed at the END of the overall sentence (except sometimes when using THESE words: *although, though, whether, where, and while*).

Here is a list of common *subordinating conjunctions*:

after	once	until
although	since	when
as	than	where
because	that	whether
before	though	while
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

Sentence Structure Practice

Name _____ Hr _____






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 clauses, 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.			

BINDER Q4-C6

			
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.			