

Name _____ **Complex Sentences**

Sentence Types



There are four kinds of sentences: simple, compound, complex and compound-complex. A simple sentence contains a complete thought and is composed of one independent clause. A compound sentence is a sentence that contains two or more related simple sentences, joined by a conjunction. A complex sentence is composed of one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses. A compound-complex sentence contains two or more independent clauses and one or more subordinate clauses.

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Underline the subordinate clauses. Identify the sentence type. Write it on the line.

1. Eating a sandwich, thinking about what her teacher had said, Margaret stepped off the curb, and she almost got hit by a car.

2. While in the classroom, Jim never misbehaves.

3. The pizza was delicious.

4. Even after Erica apologized, Molly stayed mad, and it hurt Erica's feelings.

5. For as long as she has been a cheerleader, Paula has had blond hair.

6. Jennifer likes dresses, so her mother bought her some.

7. Without a word, Tanya walked away.

8. Smiling and laughing, without a care in the world, Kimberly played with the puppy, and her mother watched her, thinking how much Kimberly deserved a dog of her own.

9. After the movie, Pete went home, but his brother went to a friends' house to spend the night.

10. Thinking he had heard his mother calling, he ran into the house, but he had imagined it.
