

Complex Sentences

Underline the dependent clause in each complex sentence. Do nothing to the sentence if it is not complex.

1. My sister, who spends most of her time at the library, is an avid reader of nonfiction in the area of environmental concerns.
2. Until you clean your room and wash the dog, don't expect to get your weekly allowance.
3. The Mexican tour operator in Cancun specializes in tours that introduce foreign visitors to local Mayan Indians.
4. Alex is a friendly and energetic person who loves to be in the middle of active group projects.
5. If each class contributes a Thanksgiving basket with all the trimmings, our school will be able to help forty needy families.
6. The science fiction writer Isaac Asimov is able to create a whole new world that is completely foreign to us.
7. In Malaysia we saw a temple with a reclining Buddha and big dragons out front which made for a good photo opportunity.
8. Since I didn't give the elephant the bananas fast enough, she gave me a special spray of water with her trunk.
9. It is easy to catch a taxi in New York, although the drivers often don't speak much English.
10. If you enjoy visiting old southern plantations, try Nottaway Plantation in Donaldsonville, Louisiana.
11. Alice Walker, who is best known for her novels, has also written several books of poetry.
12. Ralph, who is rarely at home, has an active social life.
13. Although the necklace was very inexpensive, Cheryl cherished it for sentimental reasons.
14. Until night fell, my whole family worked tirelessly in our newly-planted vegetable garden.
15. By the time she was twenty, Kendall had finished her bachelor's degree in Anthropology.

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Sentence Structure

Complex Sentence Review

Classify each of the following sentences as follows:

(S)Simple

(C)Compound

(CX)Complex.

- _____ 1. If you need any help, I'm available.
- _____ 2. You won't believe what I found out.
- _____ 3. Mrs. Meyers wants to go to New Zealand, but her husband would prefer to go to Kenya.
- _____ 4. Peggy isn't paying attention in class today.
- _____ 5. Clarissa and I have been best friends since fifth grade, and we probably always will be best friends.
- _____ 6. I think that the artist who does the best portraits is this one.
- _____ 7. We spent two hours on the tour bus, and then we began a walking tour of London.
- _____ 8. Betty would be a good writer if she would only be more conscientious about revising.
- _____ 9. I actually witnessed the shoplifter take an expensive watch and slip it in his pocket.
- _____ 10. I know him because we went to the same summer camp last year.
- _____ 11. I was confused about the time until I noticed that the electricity had gone out.
- _____ 12. I want you to come, but it is your decision.
- _____ 13. Drew's birthday is on Thursday, and I can't think of a really good present for him.
- _____ 14. Meghan has a schedule conflict this weekend that she doesn't know how to resolve.
- _____ 15. Patricia looked stunning in the blue suit.
- _____ 16. Sam has several inventions patented, and he is hard at work on another one.
- _____ 17. Alyssa has been enjoying books from a very early age.
- _____ 18. My cat awakens me a dawn every morning.
- _____ 19. After he gets a good bath, my dog can't wait to roll in the dirt.
- _____ 20. Will you be responsible for collecting the money?