

## 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?

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Father put the baby to bed at seven o'clock, but she didn't fall asleep for a long time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. William Shakespeare wrote plays and poetry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. After I finish practicing piano, I'll help you make the fudge.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. We heard the siren and saw the police car.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Meghan couldn't wake up this morning.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. When Germaine saw Keisha, it was love at first sight.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Carla would prefer to vacation in the Caribbean, but I'd rather spend time in Europe.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Many of Jane Austen's novels have been made into successful movies over the past forty years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Because she couldn't swim a stroke, Vicki didn't enjoy boating or any water-related recreation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The flimsy cover of the dictionary fell off from constant use.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. I need to shorten the hem of this dress and add new buttons if I'm going to wear it for another season.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Beth takes French and Bob takes Spanish.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. A live performance of *The Nutcracker* or *Swan Lake* is always a treat for ballet lovers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Carl felt much better when his diet improved.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. After we decorated the Christmas tree, we stood back and admired our work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. The school play is this weekend, but I won't be able to attend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Our sofa converts into a double bed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Are you fond of winter, or do you prefer the summer?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. When Jasmine can't sleep, she drinks warm milk.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Are you just arriving or just leaving?

## Complex Sentence Review

Classify each of the following sentences as follows:

(S) Simple

(C) Compound

(CX) Complex

(1) The islands of Hawaii are a world of their own. (2) Each has a distinct flavor, yet all share in the heavenly beauty of the tropics. (3) The most likely spot to begin exploring is Honolulu, Oahu which is the island with famous Waikiki Beach. (4) One special sight here is the natural puka in the rugged coastline known as the Blow Hole. (5) A geyser effect is created by the action of the waves being forced through the lava tube. (6) Also to be found in Oahu is the Iolani Palace, the only house of royalty on American soil. (7) Finally, on this island few visitors miss the opportunity to see USS Arizona Battleship Memorial in Pearl Harbor.

(8) Maui, the second largest island, is considered by many to be the most beautiful. (9) It contains the world's largest dormant volcano, and it is known for its spectacular sunsets and great beaches. (10) Another famous sight to view is the Iao Needle, a 1,200-foot green monolith, which rises hauntingly from the valley floor. (11) The old whaling seaport of Lahaina with its quaint streets and shops is another Maui treasure. (12) From the eastern shore at Hana, the ocean stretches seemingly forever, and it is alive with coral and exotically colored fish.

(13) The Big Island, Hawaii, is the youngest and southernmost in the chain. (14) It contains Volcanoes National Park which was established to preserve the mysteriously beautiful landscape of Mauna Loa volcano and its active neighbor Kilauea. (15) Kilauea erupts regularly and in spectacular style with steaming fire pits and giant lava tubes. (16) A popular activity is flightseeing over the volcanoes from a helicopter.

(17) Another unique island is Kauai with its famous Fern Grotto which is a secluded cave framed by gigantic fishtail ferns. (18) A not-to-be-missed sight is the Waimea Canyon, often called the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific." (19) Here you will see green jungles, and breathtaking waterfalls, cliffs and canyons. (20) Hawaii has something for everyone, and, therefore, it is one of the world's favorite destinations for tourists.

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