

Grammar Practice

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13.3 Simple and Compound Sentences

Key Information

A **simple sentence** has one main clause.

The dog bit the trainer.

The dog and the cat bit the trainer. [simple sentence with compound subject.]

The dog bit and scratched the trainer. [simple sentence with compound predicate]

The mangy dog and the scruffy, yowling cat viciously bit and scratched the cruel,

underpaid trainer. [expanded simple sentence with compound subject, compound predicate, and modifiers.]

A **compound** sentence has two or more main clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction or a semicolon.

The dog bit, and the cat scratched.

The dog bit; the cat scratched.

A. Identifying Simple and Compound Sentences

Write whether each of the following sentences is *simple* or *compound*.

1. Our cousins have moved to Quebec, and we may visit them soon.
2. Sandra and all the other girls simply could not believe the seasoned newscaster's methods of gathering and synthesizing information.
3. Bell bottoms were once the latest fad; now they seem comically old-fashioned.
4. There was something vaguely mysterious about his odd European mannerisms, yet both my gangly older brother and I were grateful for his advice.
5. Ted had hoped to spend the summer as a swimming instructor, but he was unable to pass the Red Cross test.
6. After hours of investigation, the detectives still had not discovered a single clue.
7. The students considered the problem but were unable to agree on a solution.
8. This recipe sounded good, but the casserole tastes terrible.

B. Using Simple and Compound Sentences

Combine each of the following groups of simple sentences to form compound sentences.

1. The movie was supposed to be good. I still didn't want to go. _____

2. Charles bought the Thanksgiving turkey. Jefferson cooked it. Maria, Elaine, and Rebecca ate it. _____

3. Study anthropology. Study art. You can't do both. _____

4. The little dog laughed to see such a sport. The dish ran away with the spoon. _____

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Adjective Clauses

Key Information

An **adjective clause** modifies a noun or a pronoun and normally follows the word it modifies.

An **essential**, or **restrictive**, clause is one that is necessary for the meaning of the sentence.

The person **who parked in the driveway** should move the car immediately.

A **nonessential**, or **nonrestrictive**, clause contains information that is not necessary for the meaning of the sentence and is set off by commas.

Katmandu, **which is the capital of Nepal**, is the home of many famous temples.

A. Identifying Essential and Nonessential Adjective Clauses

Underline the adjective clauses in the following sentences. Write whether each clause is *essential* or *nonessential*.

1. Where is the red envelope that I gave you for Chinese New Year?
2. *David Copperfield*, which was Dickens's favorite work, is well-known for its villain, Uriah Heep.
3. He had seen an opossum, which is the only native North American marsupial.
4. This is the mysterious person who introduced me to folk dancing.
5. The key that unlocks the front door is under the pot of geraniums.
6. January 1 is usually the day when the Tournament of Roses parade occurs.
7. This clock, whose minute hand is bent, needs a new battery.
8. Cartoons, which are often created for children, amuse almost everyone.
9. The first one hundred people who arrived at the theater selected the best seats.
10. The new law, which tightens regulations, should save the government and taxpayers money.

B. Using Essential and Nonessential Adjective Clauses

Combine each of the following pairs of sentences by changing the second sentence to an adjective clause. Be sure to set off nonessential clauses with commas.

1. Kick-boxing allows opponents to use both their hands and their feet. Kick-boxing is a popular sport in Thailand. _____

2. Another martial art is judo. Judo means "the gentle way". _____

3. Katamewaza is a judo technique. This technique includes choking and holding. _____

4. A person is called a judoka. This person is a student of judo. _____
