

Classifying Sentence Structures: Complex or Compound-Complex?

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Complex Sentences

Directions: In the following sentences, underline the independent clauses once and put brackets around the subordinate clauses. Finally, label the subordinate clause as **ADJ** or **ADV** on the provided line.

Example: ADV [Although the desert has a harsh climate], many creatures live there.

- _____ 1. I cleaned up the mess that you made.
- _____ 2. The car, which had run smoothly all day, suddenly stopped.
- _____ 3. While I was watching the parade, someone stole my wallet.
- _____ 4. If our school wins, we will be state champions.
- _____ 5. The soldiers, who had not eaten all day, were famished by nightfall.

Compound-Complex Sentences

Directions: In each sentence below, underline the independent clauses once (you will have two per sentence) and put the subordinate clause in brackets (one per sentence). Finally, label the subordinate clause as **ADJ** or **ADV** on the provided line.

Example: ADJ Stamp collecting is a hobby [which I most enjoy], and I have a huge collection.

- _____ 6. If you pack quickly you can leave with me, but I must leave in exactly one hour.
- _____ 7. The roads were closed after the storms struck, and they are still dangerous now.
- _____ 8. After we fell asleep, raccoons invaded our campsite, but we awoke and chased them away.
- _____ 9. I will help you if I can, yet I know little to nothing about repairing cars.
- _____ 10. Sarah called home because she was late for dinner, but no one answered.

Complex or Compound-Complex?

Directions: In the following sentences continue to underline all independent clauses once and put brackets around the subordinate clauses. Then distinguish whether each sentence is complex (**CX**) or compound-complex (**CD-CX**).

- _____ 11. England once ruled a large empire which included countries in many parts of the globe.
- _____ 12. Robert E. Lee, who commanded the Confederate armies, was a West Point graduate, and he also served in the Mexican War.
- _____ 13. When Pericles ruled Athens, it was one of the greatest city-states in Greece, but women had no part in its government.
- _____ 14. If you read about Charlemagne, you will discover that he was a brilliant ruler.
- _____ 15. Spain and Portugal, which were great sea powers, lead the earliest explorations of the new world, yet they later lost much territory to other countries.