

Phrase

Group of words

Doesn't have complete meaning

Eg:

In the morning

Reading the book

Clause**Main**

Have finite verb

Complete the meaning without the help of other sentence

Subordinate

Have finite verb but can't able to complete the meaning without the help of other sentence.

Sentence Types:

Simple : has one main clause and one or more phrases

Eg:

I get up at 5 o'clock in the morning

Keywords:

On+.....ing, because of, on account of, incase of, inspite of, to, inorder to, so as to, too...to

Complex : has one main clause and one or more subordinate clause

Eg:

If you work hard you will succeed.

Keywords:

As soon as, when, before, after, as, since, because, though, although, so that, if, unless

Compound : has two or more main clauses

Eg:

This is summer and so we wear cotton clothes.

Keywords:

And, or, and so, and yet, otherwise

Exercise 1:

Instructions: The following sentences are made up of two independent clauses with one or more dependent clauses. You are to identify the clauses telling what kind each is. The choices are independent clause, noun clause, adjective clause or adverb clause.

1. John went to school, but James remained at home because he had a sore throat.
2. If he changes his mind, we shall know for sure that Joe has learned his lesson, but only time will tell.
3. Those clouds promise rain; we should hurry before we get caught in a flash flood.
4. Here is the money that I owe you, and I am happy to be free of debt.
5. Were you ever in a storm that was full of lightning, or don't you recall?

Answers:

1. John went to school = independent clause, James remained at home = independent clause, because he had a sore throat = adverb clause
2. If he changes his mind = adverb clause, we shall know for sure = independent clause, that Joe has learned his lesson = noun clause, only time will tell = independent clause
3. Those clouds promise rain = independent clause, we should hurry = independent clause, before we get caught in a flash flood = adverb clause
4. Here is the money = independent clause, that I owe you = adjective clause, I am happy to be free of debt = independent clause
5. Were you ever in a storm = independent clause, that was full of lightning = adjective clause, don't you recall = independent clause

Exercise 2:

Instructions: The following sentences are made up of two independent clauses with one or more dependent clauses. You are to identify the clauses telling what kind each is. The choices are independent clause, noun clause, adjective clause or adverb clause.

1. Since we had gone only a mile from camp, we could return before dark, and we would not become lost.
2. After the tornado had hit, my house was gone, but my neighbor's house was not touched.
3. Mary heard the frightening noise again, and the sound was one that would frighten the bravest of people.
4. The route can be changed, but I know several people who will not like the change.
5. Dr. Mathews did what could be done, but it simply was not enough to save his life.

Answers:

1. Since we had gone only a mile from camp = adverb clause, we could return before dark = independent clause, we would not become lost = independent clause
2. After the tornado had hit = adverb clause, my house was gone = independent clause, my neighbor's house was not touched = independent clause
3. Mary heard the frightening noise again = independent clause, the sound was one = independent clause, that would frighten the bravest of people = adjective clause

4. The route can be changed = independent clause, I know several people = independent clause, who will not like the change = adjective clause
5. Dr. Mathews did = independent clause, what could be done = noun clause, it simply was not enough to save his life = independent clause

Exercise 3:

Instructions: The following sentences are either a simple sentence, a compound sentence, a complex sentence or a compound/complex sentence. Identify the sentences telling what kind each is.

1. Jim and his friend Ryan had planned to return to Canada.
2. Although we searched everywhere, Curtis could find no trace of his shoes.
3. Alaina wrote an original poem, and her mother corrected her spelling.
4. Since he was entrusted with the secret, Fred became very serious, and he was no longer a practical joker.
5. The real story is that he was injured while he was hiking.

Answers:

1. simple
2. complex
3. compound
4. compound/complex
5. complex

Exercise 4:

Instructions: The following sentences are either a simple sentence, a compound sentence, a complex sentence or a compound/complex sentence. Identify the sentences telling what kind each is.

1. None of the other jurors asked me to change my mind.
2. Barbara and Jeanne whispered and giggled all night.
3. That he is my cousin cannot be denied.
4. The boy who is speaking is my brother, and he will be staying with us.
5. I know you don't like him, but that doesn't matter.

Answers:

1. simple
2. simple
3. complex
4. compound/complex
5. compound/complex

Exercise 5:

1. Down the lane, past the house, and into the field ran the runaway horse.
2. Alberta is famous for the Calgary Stampede, but it is also known for its oil reserves.
3. When it started raining, they got soaked.
4. Motorists must be careful when they drive, because moose are often on the road.
5. Compare margarine, which is an edible oil, with butter, which is made from milk.
6. During the locomotive era, Canada built a railway across the continent.
7. Mr. Jones has a lot of books, and he is well informed about current events.
8. Taxation without representation was a common complaint two hundred years ago.
9. Before I was born, my mother worked as a receptionist.
10. Don't tell me you can't find your backpack!

ANSWERS

1. Down the lane, past the house, into the field ran the runaway horse. SIMPLE
2. Alberta is famous for the Calgary Stampede, it is also known for its oil reserves. COMPOUND
3. It started raining, they got soaked. COMPLEX
4. Motorists must be careful they drive, moose are often on the road. COMPLEX
5. Compare margarine, is an edible oil, with butter, is made from milk. COMPLEX
6. During the locomotive era, Canada built a railway across the continent. SIMPLE
7. Mr. Jones has a lot of books, he is well informed about current events. COMPOUND
8. Taxation without representation was a common complaint two hundred years ago. SIMPLE
9. I was born, my mother worked as a receptionist. COMPLEX
10. Don't tell me () you can't find your backpack! COMPLEX

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