

Thought Count Detectives

Sort sentences by the number of complete thoughts.

2.L.GC.2.a "Distinguish between simple and compound sentences, and identify the sentence type (i.e., declarative, imperative, interrogative, and exclamatory). (I)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

SIMPLE SENTENCE

A simple sentence has one complete thought. It may be a declarative statement, imperative command, interrogative question, or exclamatory sentence.

My turtle sleeps.

COMPOUND SENTENCE

A compound sentence has two complete thoughts joined by words like and, but, or or. It can also be a statement, command, question, or exclamation.

The stars came out, and we watched the sky.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle SIMPLE or COMPOUND and write its type, declarative, imperative, interrogative, or exclamatory, then in Part 2 choose two items and explain how you knew.

1. Please close the gate.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

2. The wind blew, and the leaves danced.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

3. Can you find my mitten, or should I look outside?

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

4. What a huge splash!

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

5. Put on your boots, and zip your coat.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

6. Did the baby laugh?

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

7. The train is late.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

8. Hooray, we won the game, and everyone cheered!

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new SIMPLE sentence and one new COMPOUND sentence. Label each sentence with its type: declarative, imperative, interrogative, or exclamatory.

SIMPLE _____

COMPOUND _____

CHALLENGE

Write a COMPOUND sentence that is an interrogative sentence.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Please close the gate.	SIMPLE	Simple, imperative. It has one complete command.
2	The wind blew, and the leaves danced.	COMPOUND	Compound, declarative. It has two complete thoughts joined by and.
3	Can you find my mitten, or should I look outside?	COMPOUND	Compound, interrogative. It has two complete thoughts joined by or.
4	What a huge splash!	SIMPLE	Simple, exclamatory. It expresses strong feeling in one complete thought.
5	Put on your boots, and zip your coat.	COMPOUND	Compound, imperative. It has two complete commands joined by and.
6	Did the baby laugh?	SIMPLE	Simple, interrogative. It asks one question.
7	The train is late.	SIMPLE	Simple, declarative. It tells one complete thought.
8	Hooray, we won the game, and everyone cheered!	COMPOUND	Compound, exclamatory. It has two complete thoughts joined by and and expresses excitement.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SIMPLE:** Where is my blue hat? (SIMPLE, interrogative)
- **COMPOUND:** The soup was hot, but I ate it. (COMPOUND, declarative)

Challenge: Will you bring the map, or will I bring it?

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly name one or two complete thoughts and identify the sentence type. For Part 3, accept varied answers if the sentence structure and type label are correct.