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** _____

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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.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.L.GC.2.a

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?

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