

Sentence Switch

Sort sentences by the number of complete thoughts.

3.LU.1.A "Produce, expand, and rearrange simple and compound sentences when speaking and writing."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SIMPLE SENTENCE

A simple sentence has one complete thought. It tells one main idea.

The turtle rests on a rock.

COMPOUND SENTENCE

A compound sentence has two complete thoughts joined by a word such as and, but, or so.

I paint a picture, and my sister reads a book.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle SIMPLE or COMPOUND.

1. Nora tied her shoe, and the race began.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

2. The clouds moved, but the sun stayed hidden.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

3. My uncle cooks dinner.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

4. We packed our bags, so the trip could start.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

5. The tiny seed grew.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

6. Rabbits hid under the porch.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

7. I wanted juice, but the pitcher was empty.

SIMPLE

COMPOUND

8. The bell rang.

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

Part 2 PROVE IT: Choose two numbered sentences and explain whether each has one complete thought or two complete thoughts joined by a joining word. Part 3 MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new SIMPLE sentence and one new COMPOUND sentence.

SIMPLE _____

COMPOUND _____

CHALLENGE

Rearrange these word groups to make a compound sentence: the game ended / but / our team smiled.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Nora tied her shoe, and the race began.	COMPOUND	It has two complete thoughts joined by and.
2	The clouds moved, but the sun stayed hidden.	COMPOUND	It has two complete thoughts joined by but.
3	My uncle cooks dinner.	SIMPLE	It has one complete thought.
4	We packed our bags, so the trip could start.	COMPOUND	It has two complete thoughts joined by so.
5	The tiny seed grew.	SIMPLE	It has one complete thought.
6	Rabbits hid under the porch.	SIMPLE	It has one complete thought.
7	I wanted juice, but the pitcher was empty.	COMPOUND	It has two complete thoughts joined by but.
8	The bell rang.	SIMPLE	It has one complete thought.

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:** The astronaut waved.
- **COMPOUND:** Leo opened the window, and fresh air rushed in.

Challenge: The game ended, but our team smiled.

Sort answers: 1 COMPOUND, 2 COMPOUND, 3 SIMPLE, 4 COMPOUND, 5 SIMPLE, 6 SIMPLE, 7 COMPOUND, 8 SIMPLE. For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify one complete thought or two complete thoughts joined by a joining word.