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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

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.

ANSWER KEY # Sentence Switch

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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.

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