

Clause Pattern Sort

Sort the clause patterns that create variety.

9.LU.1.B "Craft and apply a variety of sentence structures to infuse sentence variety in writing."

NAME _____

DATE _____

COMPOUND SENTENCE

A compound sentence has two independent clauses. The clauses are connected with a coordinating conjunction or a semicolon.

Dawn arrived; foxes vanished silently.

COMPLEX SENTENCE

A complex sentence has one independent clause and at least one dependent clause. A dependent clause cannot stand alone as a complete sentence.

Since midnight ended, owls called softly.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the tag that matches each sentence, then choose two numbered sentences and explain which clause pattern helped you sort them.

1. Maya packed the maps, but Jordan carried the water.

COMPOUND

COMPLEX

2. Because the museum closed early, we changed our plans.

COMPOUND

COMPLEX

3. When the bell rang, students filled the hallway.

COMPOUND

COMPLEX

4. The engine sputtered, so the pilot checked the gauges.

COMPOUND

COMPLEX

5. I finished the sketch, and my sister framed it.

COMPOUND

COMPLEX

6. While rain tapped the roof, the campers played cards.

COMPOUND

COMPLEX

7. The crowd cheered, yet the referee waited.

COMPOUND

COMPLEX

8. Nia planted basil, and Omar watered it.

COMPOUND

COMPLEX

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 compound sentence and one new complex sentence.

COMPOUND _____

COMPLEX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence mini-scene that includes one compound sentence and one complex sentence.
Underline the joining word or clause marker in each.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Maya packed the maps, but Jordan carried the water.	COMPOUND	Two independent clauses are joined by the coordinating conjunction but.
2	Because the museum closed early, we changed our plans.	COMPLEX	Because the museum closed early is a dependent clause, followed by an independent clause.
3	When the bell rang, students filled the hallway.	COMPLEX	When the bell rang is a dependent clause, and students filled the hallway is independent.
4	The engine sputtered, so the pilot checked the gauges.	COMPOUND	Two independent clauses are joined by so.
5	I finished the sketch, and my sister framed it.	COMPOUND	Two independent clauses are joined by and.
6	While rain tapped the roof, the campers played cards.	COMPLEX	While rain tapped the roof is a dependent clause, followed by an independent clause.
7	The crowd cheered, yet the referee waited.	COMPOUND	Two independent clauses are joined by yet.
8	Nia planted basil, and Omar watered it.	COMPOUND	Two independent clauses are joined by and.

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)

- **COMPOUND:** The violinist bowed; the audience listened.
- **COMPLEX:** After the glacier melted, wildflowers covered the valley.

Challenge: The gate creaked, _and_ the dog barked. _When_ the visitor stepped inside, the dog wagged its tail.

For Part 2, students should name the independent clauses in a compound sentence or identify the dependent and independent clauses in a complex sentence. Accept original Part 3 responses that use the required clause pattern correctly.