

Simple, Compound, and Complex Sentences

A simple sentence has one subject and one verb. A compound sentence consists of two simple sentences joined by a comma and a linking word, such as **and**, **or**, **but**, or **so**. A complex sentence consists of a simple sentence and a fragment, joined together using a linking word such as **although**, **because**, **since**, **unless**, **before**, or **when**.

Simple: Sam waited for the bus.

Compound: Sam waited for the bus, **but** it was late.

Complex: Sam waited for the bus **although** it was late.

Underline whether each sentence is simple, compound, or complex. Then circle the linking word in each compound and complex sentence.

- I love banana bread, so my aunt often makes it for me.
simple compound complex
- Several of my neighbors have pets.
simple compound complex
- I enjoy walking my next-door neighbor's dog unless it is raining.
simple compound complex
- My neighbor across the street also has a dog, and I walk that one, too.
simple compound complex
- I usually walk the dogs in the afternoon before I start my homework.
simple compound complex

Linking Words to Create Compound and Complex Sentences

Conjunctions link the simple sentences or clauses that make up the parts of a compound or a complex sentence. Use a comma and a coordinating conjunction such as **and**, **or**, **but**, or **so** to create a compound sentence. Use a subordinating conjunction such as **although**, **because**, **since**, or **unless** to create a complex sentence.

Compound sentence: Kim likes to play basketball, **but** she likes baseball more.

Complex sentence: Let's meet at the pool **unless** it rains.

Choose a coordinating conjunction from the box to complete each compound sentence.

and	but	or	so
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- Ramona ate lunch late, _____ she wasn't hungry for dinner.
- Fred is an excellent dancer, _____ he is a good singer, too.

Choose a subordinating conjunction from the box to complete each complex sentence.

although	because	until	since	unless
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- I will be in the race _____ I'm not a very fast runner.
- I kept eating grapes _____ there were none left.
- Carlos will join the team _____ practice conflicts with his piano lessons.
- I asked Mom to pick up some snacks _____ we were so hungry!

Name _____ Date _____

Hard g and Soft g

again	garden	generous	green
grateful	germinated	gathered	good

Write the spelling word for each clue.

1. Growing from a seed _____
2. The color of grass _____
3. Being better than average _____
4. Happening multiple times _____
5. Things brought together _____
6. Giving a lot _____
7. Patch of land with flowers or vegetables _____
8. Feeling thankful _____

Write the spelling word that completes each analogy.

9. **Better** is to **worse** as _____ is to **bad**.
10. **Flower** is to _____ as **tree** is to **forest**.

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Write the correct spelling words.

Spelling words with the hard **g** sound

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Spelling words with the soft **g** sound

7. _____
8. _____

Write the spelling word that is an antonym or a synonym of the bold word.

9. **repeatedly** synonym: _____
10. **greedy** antonym: _____
11. **thankless** antonym: _____
12. **assembled** synonym: _____