

# Recognizing Sentence Types

A simple sentence contains one independent clause.

A compound sentence contains two independent clauses joined by a conjunction. Remember to put a comma after the first clause and before the conjunction that joins them.

A complex sentence contains one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.

A compound/complex sentence contains two or more independent clauses and at least one dependent clause.



- Identify the following sentences as Simple (S), Compound (C), Complex (CX), or Compound/Complex (C/CX).

- C/CX 1. Whenever a new video game is developed, we immediately go to the store, and my mom looks it over carefully.
- C 2. The car hit the tree, but there was no damage.
- C/CX 3. If the camping trip is cancelled, Jake will stay home, but Colleen will probably go to a movie.
- CX 4. When you get to the store, you will be given a free gift.
- C 5. The teacher, who tried to take charge <sup>appositive</sup>, was very stern, but the class didn't pay much attention to him.
- S 6. Kevin tried to get the pump started.
- C 7. The disc jockey was on the air, and his replacement was waiting in the next room.
- C 8. A city must be planned carefully, or people will not want to live in it.
- C 9. We were going to attend the game, but it started raining.
- C 10. I am going to do my homework after school, but I would rather play with my friends.   
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- C 11. Sheila put a dollar into the pop machine, but nothing came out.
- S 12. The book was exciting and easy to read.
- C 13. Harry sang the song for his mom, and she loved it.
- C/CX 14. Because the computer was a very expensive purchase, Dad bought a special table for it, and he kept it in an air-conditioned room.