

Sentence conversion exercise

A simple sentence has only one main clause. It does not have any subordinate clauses. A complex sentence has one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

A complex sentence can be converted into a simple sentence by contracting a subordinate clause into a word or phrase.

Study the following example.

We believe that he is innocent. (Complex sentence)

This sentence can be converted into a simple sentence by changing the subordinate clause 'that he is innocent' into a word or phrase.

We believe in his innocence. (Simple sentence)

State whether the following sentences are simple or complex.

1. He sold the house that belonged to his father.

Simple

Complex

2. I have no money that I can lend you.

Simple

Complex

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3. The marks that were left by the whip are still visible.

Simple

Complex

4. He prospered by the money he inherited from his father.

Simple

Complex

5. A man who is dead has no worries.

Simple

Complex

6. He sold his father's house.

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Simple

Complex

7. I have no money to lend you.

Simple

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8. The marks left by the whip are still visible.

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9. He prospered by his father's money.

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10. A dead man has no worries.

Simple

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Answers

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