

Types of Sentences Exercise

Read the following sentences and state whether they are simple, complex or compound.

A simple sentence has just one clause.

A complex sentence has one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

A compound sentence has two or more clauses of equal rank.

1. The girl looked at her brother and smiled.

Simple

Complex

Compound

2. Janet went to the library to borrow some books.

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3. The water was so cold that we could not swim in it.

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4. The little girl started crying when she couldn't find her toy.

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5. I live in a large city.

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8. His crude remarks offended me.

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9. Jane and Alice had their dinner and went for a walk.

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10. The boys and the girls were shouting loudly.

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11. The customers were happy because they got what they wanted.

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12. The meeting was held in a room near the library.

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Answers

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