

Sentence Practice

A simple sentence has one independent clause and no dependent clauses. It can be short or long, and it may contain modifiers.

A complex sentence contains one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses. A complex sentence always has a subordinator such as because, since, after, although, or when, etc or a relative pronoun such as that, who, or which.

Directions: Label each sentence simple or complex. If the sentence is complex, circle the subordinator and underline the dependent clause.

1. We had been lured into great, foolish expectations.
2. As soon as I put the rat down, he scooted under the tailpipe and out of sight on the other side of the car.
3. When I got home, a doctor was just leaving.
4. Because Stargirl likes Leo, he feels embarrassed around her, which is quite silly.
5. Although Kevin wants to put Stargirl on the Hot Seat, he tries to understand Kevin's point of view.
6. Hillari believes in witches, ghosts, and goblins.
7. Hillari wants to be the most popular girl in school, while Stargirl just wants to be appreciated by Leo.
8. Stargirl, feeling uneasy, finally appears on the Hot Seat.
9. Even if there is no excuse for Leo to feel excited over Stargirl's transformation into Susan, he does.
10. One day perhaps Stargirl and Leo will see eye to eye on social issues.
11. Stargirl dresses differently than other girls by wearing long, flowing, and floor length gowns to school.
12. Once Stargirl knows that Leo likes her, she begins to relax.