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Creating Simple, Compound, and Complex Sentences

Simple sentences must always contain at least two things: a predicate (verb) and the subject (the noun that is doing the verb). You can include adjectives, adverbs, objects, prepositions, and other stuff, too, and it is still a simple sentence. Write simple sentences in the lines below.

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2. _____

3. _____

Compound sentences are two simple sentences combined together with a coordinating conjunction. The coordinating conjunctions are FANBOYS: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*. Write compound sentences below.

4. _____ (Subject and verb) _____, and _____ (subject and verb) _____.

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5. _____ (Subject and verb) _____, but _____ (subject and verb) _____.

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6. _____ (Subject and verb) _____, so _____ (subject and verb) _____.

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7. Either _____ (Subject and verb) _____, or _____ (subject and verb) _____.

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8. _____ (Subject and verb) _____, yet _____ (subject and verb) _____.

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Complex sentences include a sentence (or independent clause) and a clause that cannot stand alone (but still has a subject and verb). The dependent clauses in complex sentences begin with one of the following subordinating conjunctions: *after, although, as, because, before, even though, if, since, though, unless, until, when, whenever, whereas, wherever, while*. Write complex sentences below.

9. Because ____ (subject and verb) ____, ____ (subject and verb) ____.

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10. Even though ____ (subject and verb) ____, ____ (subject and verb) ____.

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11. If ____ (subject and verb) ____, then ____ (subject and verb) ____.

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12. Although ____ (subject and verb) ____, then ____ (subject and verb) ____.

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13. ____ (Subject and verb) ____ until ____ (subject and verb) ____.

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14. ____ (Subject and verb) ____ unless ____ (subject and verb) ____.

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15. ____ (Subject and verb) ____ whenever ____ (subject and verb) ____.

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