

Sentence typing—Simple, Compound, Complex

Simple Sentence = 1 Independent Clause

Compound Sentence = 2 or more Independent Clauses joined by either a comma/coordinating conjunction or a semi colon.

Complex Sentence = At least 1 Independent Clause AND At least 1 Subordinate Clause

The following sentences are either simple, compound, or complex. Underline ALL subjects once and ALL verbs twice. Also, circle any conjunctions or pronouns that join clauses. Properly identify each sentence type in the appropriate space.

1. Should the cricket have saved her friend? _____
2. Grasshoppers and crickets don't usually get along, but these two were the exception. _____
3. Leslie the grasshopper would often hunt for bugs all day long while Lucy the cricket slept. _____
4. Then, at night, Lucy would use up her energy chirping as Leslie would try to sleep. _____
5. Betty the bee thought that Lucy and Leslie were odd roommates. _____
6. In fact, many in the insect world struggled to understand this odd relationship. _____
7. It never occurred to either Lucy or Leslie that a change may have to occur. _____
8. However, it happened late one Thursday night. _____
9. Lucy brought home the hunkiest horsefly in the meadow, Hank. _____
10. Lucy wanted to watch movies with Hank, but Leslie was trying to sleep. _____
11. Hank didn't help matters much when he burned the bag of popcorn! _____
12. Leslie asked Lucy if they could have a quiet chat on the next leaf. _____
13. Lucy gave her an evil grin and denied her request for the conversation. _____
14. Leslie, offended by Hank's lack of respect in the kitchen, stomped away in disgust. _____
15. Leslie tried to fall asleep, and it almost worked, but, then, the stereo was turned on. _____
16. Sleep might've been possible before, but now it was impossible. _____
17. The lonely grasshopper tossed her pillow to the floor and stomped into the living room. _____
18. She grabbed her inconsiderate roommate and dragged her back into her room. _____
19. This act of aggression seemed to startle the cricket, and the rude roommate quickly apologized. _____
20. The horsefly was asked to leave, and he complied reluctantly. _____
21. Although horseflies are notorious for their temper, Hank left on good terms. _____
22. This made the cricket happy, and she wondered if Hank could be the one. _____
23. When she asked her roommate, the grasshopper just shrugged and laughed. _____
24. Leslie had heard of insects dating across species, and it never turned out well. _____
25. The sleepy grasshopper said good night to her roommate and returned to her bed. _____
26. Unfortunately, their neighbor, Sammy the Spider was watching and enjoyed his breakfast. _____