KS3 English Quiz - Sentences (Types) 02 (Questions)

This second quiz looks at three more types of sentence to use in your writing: simple, compound and complex. The first Sentence (Types) quiz introduced statements, questions, commands and exclamations.

This challenging quiz tests your ability to spot sentences with different functions, i.e. interrogative, declarative, exclamatory and imperative, as well as sentences with different structures, for example complex, compound and simple. If you need to revise these, be sure to check out the Sentences (Complex) quiz.

How many different sentence types can you spot here:

Although the path was clearly marked, she realised she had lost her way at some point during the afternoon, so, panicking, she began calling loudly, "Is anyone there? I'm lost. Help!"

The entire sentence is complex, since it has more than one clause and uses the connectives "although" and "so". The dialogue includes an interrogative ("Is anyone there?"), a declarative ("I'm lost") and a command ("Help!"). Learning to write well involves mastering a variety of sentence structures.

See if you can get top marks in both quizzes!

1. **Select the correct term for the following sentence. The family is walking home.**
    [ ] Command
    [ ] Complex
    [ ] Compound
    [ ] Simple

2. **Select the correct term for the following sentence. What time is it?**
    [ ] Command
    [ ] Complex
    [ ] Compound
    [ ] Question

3. **Select the correct term for the following sentence. We were late for tea.**
    [ ] Command
    [ ] Complex
    [ ] Compound
    [ ] Simple

4. **Select the correct term for the following sentence. Stand up!**
    [ ] Command
    [ ] Complex
    [ ] Compound
    [ ] Simple

5. **Select the correct term for the following sentence. We were late for tea and our meal was cold.**
    [ ] Command
    [ ] Complex
    [ ] Compound
    [ ] Simple

6. **Select the correct term for the following sentence. He was young and she was old.**
    [ ] Complex
    [ ] Compound
    [ ] Exclamatory
    [ ] Simple

7. **Select the correct term for the following sentence. The car started.**
    [ ] Complex
    [ ] Compound
    [ ] Interrogative
    [ ] Simple

8. **Select the correct term for the following sentence. She wore a coat but the weather was fine.**
    [ ] Complex
    [ ] Compound
    [ ] Exclamatory
    [ ] Simple

9. **Select the correct term for the following sentence. She wore a coat because it was raining.**
    [ ] Complex
    [ ] Compound
    [ ] Imperative
    [ ] Simple

10. **Select the correct term for the following sentence. They went home because it was getting late.**
    [ ] Complex
    [ ] Compound
    [ ] Interrogative
    [ ] Simple

KS3 English Quiz - Sentences (Types) 02 (Answers)

1. Select the correct term for the following sentence. The family is walking home.
[ ] Command
[ ] Complex
[ ] Compound
[x] Simple

A simple sentence has a subject, "family", and a verb, "is walking". It might also have an object such as "home"

2. Select the correct term for the following sentence. What time is it?
[ ] Command
[ ] Complex
[ ] Compound
[x] Question

A question (an interrogative) needs a question mark

3. Select the correct term for the following sentence. We were late for tea.
[ ] Command
[ ] Complex
[ ] Compound
[x] Simple

This simple sentence has a subject, "we", a verb, "were", and an object, "tea"

4. Select the correct term for the following sentence. Stand up!
[x] Command
[ ] Complex
[ ] Compound
[ ] Simple

A command (imperative) uses an exclamation mark

5. Select the correct term for the following sentence. We were late for tea and our meal was cold.
[ ] Command
[ ] Complex
[x] Compound
[ ] Simple

A compound sentence joins simple sentences together using connectives such as "and", "or" and "but"

6. Select the correct term for the following sentence. He was young and she was old.
[ ] Complex
[x] Compound
[ ] Exclamatory
[ ] Simple

Two simple sentences, "He was young" and "she was old" have been joined by "and"

7. Select the correct term for the following sentence. The car started.
[ ] Complex
[ ] Compound
[ ] Interrogative
[x] Simple

A simple sentence might only have the barest minimum of components: a subject (car) and a verb (started)

8. Select the correct term for the following sentence. She wore a coat but the weather was fine.
[ ] Complex
[x] Compound
[ ] Exclamatory
[ ] Simple

Two sentences, "She wore a coat" and "the weather was fine" have been joined by "but"

9. Select the correct term for the following sentence. She wore a coat because it was raining.
[x] Complex
[ ] Compound
[ ] Imperative
[ ] Simple

Connectives such as "because" add new information to the sentence and to the relationship between its parts, making the sentence more complex

10. Select the correct term for the following sentence. They went home because it was getting late.
[x] Complex
[ ] Compound
[ ] Interrogative
[ ] Simple

"Because it was getting late" is a clause which cannot stand alone