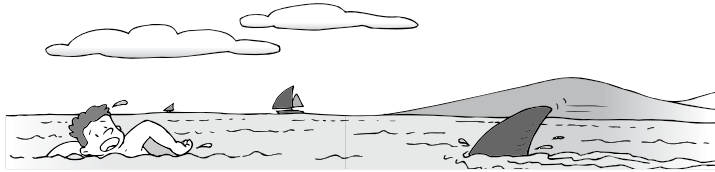




Compound and Complex Sentences

Compound Sentences are made up of two or more independent clauses. In a simple compound sentence, there are no dependent clauses.



Workout A

Create compound sentences by adding an independent clause to the ones provided.

1. The swimmer saw the shark's fin and _____.
2. _____ and the waves pounded the shore.
3. The shark swims quickly and therefore _____.
4. The boaters thought they were safe from the shark, but _____
_____.
5. Swimming off the California coast is magnificent, but _____
_____.
6. The great white shark is a beautiful animal, but _____.



Complex sentences

A complex sentence is made up of an independent clause with at least one dependent clause.

Workout B

Complete the following sentences by adding either an independent or dependent clause of your own.

1. While the swimmer floated on the water, _____
_____.
2. Although there are over 350 species of sharks, _____
_____.
3. Because _____, we went to the beach.

4. Even though they were in a boat, _____.
5. Because the surfers resemble seals, _____.
6. Although California and Australia offer the best surfing in the world, _____.

Workout

State whether each sentence below is a compound (C), complex (CX), or compound-complex (CCX) sentence.

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| 1. After they watched the movie, they went to bed. | _____ |
| 2. While she was sleeping, the wind howled and the rain poured down. | _____ |
| 3. The dog barked and the cat mewed while the child teased them. | _____ |
| 4. If she waits long enough, the bus will arrive, but she will be late. | _____ |
| 5. The candles were put on the cake, and the birthday girl made a wish. | _____ |

EXTRA Workout

Change the following compound sentences to complex sentences. You will have to use a subordinating conjunction.

Example: The mailman walked up the path and the dog barked.

As the mailman walked up the path, the dog barked.

1. She washed her clothes and hung them out to dry.

2. He painted the fence and stained the deck.

3. He studied hard for the test but couldn't remember the answers.

4. The students gathered in the yard and organized a relay race.
