

Sentence Variety and Style Review

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Understanding Simple, Compound, and Complex Sentences

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Answer the following questions based on what you've learned about sentence types.

1. What is a simple sentence?

- A. A sentence with one independent clause
- B. A sentence with two independent clauses
- C. A sentence with one independent and one dependent clause

2. What makes a clause 'independent'?

3. A compound sentence has ____ independent clauses.

4. A complex sentence can have both an independent clause and a dependent clause.

- True False

5. Can you give an example of a complex sentence?

6. Which sentence type is: 'I like ice cream, and my brother likes cake.'?

- A. Simple
- B. Compound
- C. Complex

7. Changing a sentence's structure can change its meaning.

- True False

8. A ____ sentence consists of only one independent clause.

9. How can changing a sentence's structure change its meaning?

10. Which of the following is a characteristic of a complex sentence?

- A. It has two independent clauses.
- B. It has one independent clause and one dependent clause.
- C. It has no clauses.

Answer Key

1. A sentence with one independent clause 2. An independent clause can stand alone as a complete sentence. 3. two 4. True 5. Although it was raining, we decided to go for a walk. 6. Compound 7. True 8. simple 9. Different structures can emphasize different ideas or relationships between actions. 10. It has one independent clause and one dependent clause.