



Simple, compound and complex sentences

Grade 5 Sentences Worksheet

Label each sentence in the paragraph **simple**, **compound**, or **complex**.

The little girl has three dogs
(simple). Skippy eats grass, and he
runs around all day (_____).
Skippy plays more than any of the
other dogs because he has the most
energy (_____). Lazybones hates playing (_____). She
sleeps in her bed, and she relaxes in the sun (_____). She loves to
sit (_____). She doesn't eat a lot because she doesn't have much of
an appetite (_____). Rocky plays a lot (_____). He loves
playing fetch, and he enjoys going on walks (_____). He is the
youngest puppy since he is only two months
old (_____). All of the dogs are nice
to people (_____).

A **simple sentence** has one complete thought.

The boy ran to the store.

A **compound sentence** has two complete thoughts joined with a comma and conjunction.

The boy ran to the store, and his sister stayed home.

A **complex sentence** has one complete thought plus a dependent clause.

The boy ran to the store where he bought milk.





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Answers

The little girl has three dogs (simple). Skippy eats grass, and he runs around all day (compound). Skippy plays more than any of the other dogs because he has the most energy (complex). Lazybones hates playing (simple). She sleeps in her bed, and she relaxes in the sun (compound). She loves to sit (simple). She doesn't eat a lot because she doesn't have much of an appetite (complex). Rocky plays a lot (simple). He loves playing fetch, and he enjoys going on walks (compound). He is the youngest puppy since he is only two months old (complex). All of the dogs are nice to people (simple).