



Compound sentences vs. complex sentences

Grade 3 Sentences Worksheet

Determine if each sentence is complex or compound.

A compound sentence has two full sentences joined by for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

A complex sentence has one main thought with additional information added using words like because, though, before, after, although, while and once.

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4. The tulips are growing, and the sun is shining.		
5. Although you are my friend, you cannot ask me to lie.		
6. We will go outside, but we won't go very far.		
7. She always washed her hands before eating dinner.		
8. She wanted to go to school, but she was sick.		
9. Do you need more flour, or do you need more eggs?		
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