

LITTLE ROCK

Writing / Grade 4 / simple, compound, and complex sentences

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1. Which sentence is a complex sentence?
 - A. I love to read and learn all about horses.
 - B. I love to read about horses, and someday I want to own one.
 - C. I want to own a horse one day, and I love to read about them.
 - D. Since I want to own a horse one day, I want to read all about them.
2. Which sentence has a mistake in comma usage?
 - A. Ricky bought a new car and, he drove to California in it.
 - B. Wally likes to play baseball, but Eddie likes football better.
 - C. Jan will find the missing necklace, or she will ask Alice for help.
 - D. Lucy begged to be in the show, but she never got a chance to sing.
3. Which complex sentence shows correct use of a comma?
 - A. Since I am now in fourth grade, I can play on a soccer team.
 - B. After it rains water, often makes a puddle near my door.
 - C. If you see my brown shoes will you please, let me know.
 - D. When, I hear thunder I run indoors.
4. Which sentence is a compound sentence?
 - A. Drew took a train and a bus to get to Denver.
 - B. Jackie and Pete drove to Kansas City from Tulsa.
 - C. The Harris family flew to Dallas, and then they took a bus to Ft. Worth.
 - D. Duluth, Minnesota and Great Falls, Montana are both cities near the Canadian border.
5. **Quinton likes to sing but his brother likes to play the trumpet.**

A comma is missing in the sentence above. Where should a comma be placed to make the sentence correct?

 - A. after the word Quinton
 - B. after the word sing
 - C. after the word but
 - D. after the word brother
6. **The herd of wild horses ran like the wind.**

The sentence above is an example of a

 - A. simple sentence.
 - B. complex sentence.
 - C. sentence fragment.
 - D. compound sentence.

7. My dog runs really fast. He chases cats in our neighborhood.

Trevor needs to combine these two sentences into one with a compound verb. Which choice would be **best**?

- A. My dog runs really fast he chases cats in our neighborhood.
- B. My dog runs really fast and chases cats in our neighborhood.
- C. My dog runs really fast, and he chases cats in our neighborhood.
- D. My dog runs really fast when he chases cats in our neighborhood.

8. Which sentence uses commas correctly?

- A. You should eat your dinner, and then call your grandmother.
- B. A stapler, and a roll of tape are good things to keep near your desk.
- C. Brenda ate two slices of pizza, and a big salad at the mall yesterday.
- D. Jillian and Maria went to the same school last year, and they even rode the same bus.

9. Which sentence contains a compound subject?

- A. Karen and Thomas went to the art museum and the park.
- B. Floyd went with Karen and Thomas to the art museum.
- C. Alex met Karen, Floyd, and Thomas at the museum.
- D. The four friends enjoyed the afternoon together.

10. Which complex sentence shows correct use of a comma?

- A. After I walked down the beach my feet, were covered with sand.
- B. While, I wait for my friends to finish their swim I will feed the seagulls.
- C. Because I forgot my beach towel, I won't be able to swim in the ocean.
- D. Since I got back from the beach I just can't stop thinking, about all the fun we had.

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Answer Key and Alignment

<u>Answer</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>SLE</u>	<u>CC-Standard</u>
1. D	TLI	Types of Sentences - W.6.4.1	LP.4.3.1i(C)
2. A	TLI	Commas - W.6.4.18	L.4.2c
3. A	TLI	Commas - W.6.4.19	L.5.2b
4. C	TLI	Types of Sentences - W.6.4.1	LP.4.3.1i(B)
5. B	AR	Commas - W.6.4.16	
6. A	TLI	Types of Sentences - W.6.4.1	LP.4.3.1i(A)
7. B	TLI	Sentence Combination - W.6.4.3	
8. D	TLI	Commas - W.6.4.18	L.4.2c
9. A	TLI	Sentence Combination - W.6.4.3	
10. C	TLI	Commas - W.6.4.19	L.5.2b