

Lesson 291

Parts of the Sentence - Compound & Complex Sentences

A *complex sentence* is made up of an *independent clause* and a *dependent clause*.

A *compound sentence* combines two or more *independent clauses*. Commas separate the clauses of a compound sentence. (A short sentence joined by *and* is sometimes combined without a comma.) A semicolon can take the place of the *conjunction* and comma. Only clauses closely related in thought should be joined to make a compound sentence.

Instructions: The following sentences are made up of two *independent clauses* with one or more *dependent clauses*. You are to identify the clauses telling what kind each is. The choices are *independent clause*, *noun clause*, *adjective clause*, or *adverb clause*.

1. John went to school, but James remained at home because he had a sore throat.
2. If he changes his mind, we shall know for sure that Joe has learned his lesson, but only time will tell.
3. Those clouds promise rain; we should hurry before we get caught in a flash flood.
4. Here is the money that I owe you, and I am happy to be free of debt.
5. Were you ever in a storm that was full of lightning, or don't you recall?