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COMPLEX AND COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCES

A **complex sentence** contains one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

When she heard the applause, Beth felt proud.

A **compound-complex sentence** has more than one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

Although we had difficulty deciding, we finally chose a destination, and Dad bought the airline tickets.

EXERCISE

Draw one line under each main clause and two lines under each subordinate clause. Then write **c** if the sentence is complex or **cc** if the sentence is compound-complex.

1. ____ Until they were called home, the children played happily.
2. ____ As we neared the hot-air balloon festival, the sky looked like a fairyland.
3. ____ Although I didn't brew it long, the coffee tastes bitter, and I will not drink it.
4. ____ As the morning bell rang, the students rushed quickly into class.
5. ____ I have always volunteered at the hospital because I enjoy helping others.
6. ____ After the election is over, I will call you with the results, and with luck, our candidate will have won.
7. ____ Dr. May was the only doctor who was available in the middle of the night.
8. ____ Kelsey will finish her paper by noon, which is the deadline for the project.

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9. ____ My journalism teacher, whose opinion I respect, told me my article was good.
10. ____ Since no one had a question for the speaker, the lecture ended early, and we went out for hamburgers.
11. ____ When my sister went to college, my parents got her a used car.
12. ____ After the doctor examined her, Darcy still felt ill, but she felt better in the morning.
13. ____ The dog finally caught the ball as it drifted into the neighbor's yard.
14. ____ As long as you keep your eyes open, you will see the exit ramp.
15. ____ Although he did not understand the reasons, Josh accepted the outcome.
16. ____ Since he has learned English, Miguel has been more outgoing.
17. ____ Paul's speech will emphasize the budget because we must reduce the deficit, and his book will say the same.
18. ____ The park where we used to play is now the site of a shopping mall.