



Punctuation Worksheet (with answers!)

A quick reminder:

1) **A Simple sentence** is a sentence with one subject and verb. It may also have an object but this is not essential.

E.g. John ran.

Or: John ran to the playing field. Both are simple sentences.

2) **A compound sentence** is when 2 simple sentences are linked with a **connective** but both halves have a subject and verb still, making sense in their own right.

E.g. John ran to the playing field while Sophie fetched a ball.

3) **A complex sentence** uses a **main clause** (full sentence) and a **subordinate clause** which adds more info but may not be a sentence in its own right.

E.g. John ran to the playing field, despite his asthma.

John ran to the playing field then waited for Sophie.

Your turn! Identify which kind of sentence each of the following are:

- 1) The creature slithered towards the human.
- 2) Waving its tentacles, the alien oozed out of the machine.
- 3) The whale crashed into the side of the ship while the waves rolled over the side.
- 4) Spiders scattered rapidly across the shed floor but my dad stood frozen in horror.
- 5) I was caught in the laser ray from its eye.
- 6) It locked the door on the other side of the room, laughing manically.
- 7) No-one would have believed that in the 20th century life would come from Mars.
- 8) Despite the clichéd nature of events, it really had happened- I swear.
- 9) Reverend Wilson wiped the sweat of his brow and he heaved a sigh of relief.
- 10) Finally, I was rescued.

Answers

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