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Simple Sentences

1. A simple sentence contains one independent clause and no subordinate clauses.
   a. True
   b. False

2. An independent clause or simple sentence should contain what two elements? Hint, the first one answers the questions Who? or What?

3. Emma plays video games every day after school.

   What kind of sentence is this?
   a. simple
   b. compound
   c. complex

4. Turn the following compound sentence into two simple sentences.

   Curtis fears all kinds of wild creatures, but the family very kindly did not tease him about his apprehensions.

5. Identify the following sentence type:

   People saw shop figures as old-fashioned, so shopkeepers stopped using them.
   a. simple
   b. compound
   c. compound complex
   d. complex

6. Change the following compound sentence into two simple sentences.

   People saw shop figures as old-fashioned, so shopkeepers stopped using them.

7. Rewrite the following simple sentence as two separate simple sentences.

   Summer and Madison both take music lessons weekly.

8. Identify the simple sentence in the following paragraph.

   A) Janie likes to eat ice cream, but her mom never buys any. B) She says ice cream has too much sugar and fat. C) Even though she respects her mom, Janie went behind her back and bought some ice cream at the store. D) Thankfully, Janie's dad helped her finish the ice cream before her mom found out.

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   b. She says ice cream has too much sugar and fat.
   c. Even though she respects her mom, Janie went behind her back and bought some ice cream at the store.
   d. Thankfully, Janie's dad helped her finish the ice cream before her mom found out.

9. Identify the simple sentence.
   a. We like to eat cheese.
   b. We like to eat cheese, although some cheeses are disgusting.
   c. In the mornings, we like to eat cheese on our eggs and toast.
   d. In the mornings, before we go to school, we like to eat cheese.

10. Too many simple sentences can make your writing...
    a. Choppy
    b. Unsophisticated
    c. Simplistic
    d. All of the above