Types of Sentences Worksheet

Professional Communications OER: Writing

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# Introduction

In the following sentences, circle the subject(s) and underline the verbs. Highlight the independent clauses. Next to each sentence, write *simple*, *compound*, or *complex* to identify which type of sentence it is.

# Exercise

1. Joanne waited for the bus.
2. Martin and Stacy arrived at the train station before noon and left on the bus before I arrived.
3. Suzi and Lucy realized that Joe had been absent from class all day after they left for the mall.
4. Stay in the house until I give the signal.
5. James baked the cookies; Julie decorated them.
6. Our company and its rival both offer low prices.
7. We got to the baseball game early, so we had really good seats.
8. I stopped believing in the tooth fairy when I was 10 years old.
9. My computer crashed and I lost all of my work.
10. I stepped on my glasses.

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# Answer Key

1. S - Joanne , V - waited, Clauses - [Joanne waited for the bus], Type - simple
2. S - Martin/Stacy, V - arrived/left, Clause - [Martin and Stacy arrived at the train station before noon and left on the bus], Type - complex.
3. S - Suzi/Lucy, V - realized, Clause - [Suzi and Lucy realized], Type - complex
4. S - (you), V - stay, Clause - [Stay in the house], Type - complex
5. S - James/Julie, V - baked/decorated, Clause - [James baked the cookies] [Julie decorated them], Type - compound
6. S - company/rival, V - offer, Clause [Our company and its rival both offer low prices], Type - simple
7. S - We/we, V - got/had, Clause - [We got to the baseball game early] [we had really good seats], Type - compound
8. S - I, V - stopped/believing, Clause - [I stopped believing in the tooth fairy], Type - complex
9. S - Computer/I, V - crashed/lost, Clauses - [My computer crashed] [I lost all of my work], Type - compound
10. S - I, V - dropped, Clause - [I dropped my glasses], Type - simple