

Punctuation Practice: Simple and Compound Sentences

Follow the steps below to decide if the sentence is simple or compound. Then, try to determine what punctuation is necessary

- Put parentheses around all prepositional phrases, underline the verb twice, and the subject once.
- Decide if the sentence is simple (no subject and verb alternation) or if the sentence is compound (subjects and verbs do alternate).
- Put (S) in the blank if the sentence is a simple sentence or (Cd) if it is a compound sentence.
- Add the correct punctuation.

- ____1. Sometimes I like country-western music sometimes I hate it.
- ____2. The cake is delicious still I couldn't eat another bite.
- ____3. Joanne lost fourteen pounds on her diet I only lost six.
- ____4. My uncle suddenly jumped in his car and left in a hurry.
- ____5. The people down the street on the third floor of the red brick building quarreled loudly until four in the morning about their money problems.
- ____6. You can take 11th or you can take 18th to Greenhill Road instead.
- ____7. You are probably right but he does make a valid point.
- ____8. The clouds were threatening rain any minute yet Karen still wanted to go on the picnic.
- ____9. The man on the right works at Symantec the man on the left works at Microsoft.
- ____10. My dog and cat destroyed my new shoes and scattered newspapers all around the room.