

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.

__Cd_1. Sometimes I like country-western music; sometimes I hate it.

__Cd_2. The cake is delicious; still, I couldn't eat another bite.

__Cd_3. Joanne lost fourteen pounds (on her diet); I only lost six.

__S_4. My uncle suddenly jumped (in his car) and left (in a hurry.)

__S_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.)

__Cd_6. You can take 11th, or you can take 18th (to Greenhill Road) instead.

__Cd_7. You are probably right, but he does make a valid point.

__Cd_8. The clouds were threatening rain any minute, yet Karen still wanted to go (on the picnic.)

__Cd_9. The man (on the right) works (at Symantec); the man (on the left) works (at Microsoft.)

__S_10. My dog and cat destroyed my new shoes and scattered newspapers all (around the room.)