**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 11**th**, or you can take 18**th** (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.)