

Simple and complex sentences

Grade 3 Sentences Worksheet

Write if the following sentences are simple or complex.

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- _____ 4. Frank closed his eyes.
- _____ 5. After they watched the game, they walked back home.
- _____ 6. Jamie choose his favorite seat because he was first.
- _____ 7. Lionel always told jokes.
- _____ 8. The cat sniffed the plate curiously.
- _____ 9. The dog barked whenever he saw another dog.
- _____ 10. They loaded the minivan.
- _____ 11. They loaded the minivan with their luggage.
- _____ 12. They loaded the minivan because they had to leave soon.

A simple sentence expresses just one thought:

The boy ran to the store.

Complex sentences add more information starting with words like *because, though, before, after, although, while, when, whenever* and *once*.

The boy ran to the store because his mom told him to.



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