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CHAPTER 7 *The Kinds of Sentence Structure*

Types of Sentences

1. A **simple sentence** contains only one independent clause and has no subordinate clauses.

   S V DO
   The colorful flowers had large blossoms.

   A simple sentence may have a compound subject or verb or both. Even though parts of the independent clause are compound, the sentence is simple because it has only one independent clause.

   S S V DO V DO
   The tulips and lilies added color to the yard but needed little care.

2. A **compound sentence** has two or more independent clauses but no subordinate clauses.

   S V S V V
   Tony types well, but he does not proofread carefully.

3. A **complex sentence** has only one independent clause and at least one subordinate clause. In the following example, the subordinate clause is italicized.

   After she sanded the cabinet's surface, she applied a coat of varnish.

4. A **compound-complex sentence** has two or more independent clauses and at least one subordinate clause.

   The cabinet, *which is made of pine,* has a dark finish; it matches the furniture in Anita's room.

EXERCISE Identify each of the following sentences by its structure. Write **S** (simple), **Cd** (compound), **Cx** (complex), or **Cd-Cx** (compound-complex) in the blank after each sentence.

1. Many teens enjoy skateboarding. _____
2. Riding a skateboard requires good balance. _____
3. If you skateboard in a competition, you must wear protective pads. _____
4. Some skaters practice everyday, but I practice only on weekends. _____
5. You can buy an inexpensive skateboard for ten dollars. _____
6. Skateboards are made from wood, plastic, or fiberglass. _____
7. At first, skateboards had roller-skate wheels; however, today's boards have special wheels that are much safer. _____
8. When the skater moves his or her weight one way, the board turns in the opposite direction. _____
9. A skateboarding contest is held every Sunday in New York's Central Park. _____
10. I like bicycling, which is much easier than skateboarding. _____

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