

# CHAPTER 7 *The Kinds of Sentences*

## Classifying Sentences by Structure

Classified according to structure, there are four kinds of sentences: **simple**, **compound**, **complex**, and **compound-complex**.

**EXERCISE** On the line provided, write S if a sentence is simple, Cd if it is compound, Cx if it is complex, and Cd-Cx if it is compound-complex.

**EXAMPLE:** Agatha Christie, who wrote over eighty mysteries and plays, is known for her clever plots.

Cx

1. Suspense novels are extremely popular, and many students enjoy reading them in the summer. \_\_\_\_\_
2. My favorite mystery is *Ten Little Indians* by Agatha Christie. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Her last novel was *Curtain*, which remained on the best-seller list for many months. \_\_\_\_\_
4. When Tina visited London, she saw *The Mousetrap*, a suspense play, and she also toured Agatha Christie's home in Devon, England. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Because the mystery's clues were confusing, Ramon could not guess who had murdered the professor. \_\_\_\_\_
6. *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* was Dame Agatha's first detective novel. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Hercule Poirot, who solves many difficult cases, is her most famous character. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Many novels take place in small villages outside London. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The students were required to read only one novel, but they read several others for extra credit. \_\_\_\_\_
10. In *Murder on the Orient Express*, Hercule Poirot interrogated the passengers who might have committed the murder. \_\_\_\_\_
11. All the suspects had motives, yet they all had good alibis, too. \_\_\_\_\_
12. When the train arrived at Istanbul, Poirot had solved the puzzling case, and the police were waiting. \_\_\_\_\_
13. The setting of *Ten Little Indians* is Indian Island, near the Devon coast. \_\_\_\_\_
14. When the weekend guests arrived at the dock, the boatman ferried them to the private island. \_\_\_\_\_
15. All of the guests on Indian Island had something in common, for each was accused of murder. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Flashbacks, which described earlier episodes, were used to reveal the guests' backgrounds. \_\_\_\_\_
17. None of the guests had been punished for their crimes. \_\_\_\_\_
18. The Indian Island guests were mysteriously murdered until none was left. \_\_\_\_\_

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