

CHAPTER 7 *The Kinds of Sentences*

Classifying Sentences by Structure

EXERCISE In each of the following sentences, underline each independent clause once and each subordinate clause twice. Then identify each sentence's structure by writing S for a simple sentence, Cd for a compound sentence, Cx for a complex sentence, and Cd-Cx for a compound-complex sentence.

EXAMPLE: A forest fire burned thirty acres of woodland near my house when I was gone last spring. Cx

1. Forest fires are a terrible and frightening phenomenon.
2. Each year they destroy thousands of acres of forest and take lives as well.
3. Most forest fires are caused by people who are careless.
4. Whenever you use matches in the woods, it is essential to be careful.
5. Even if people never caused forest fires, they would still occur.
6. Forest fires are part of a natural process and a way that nature renews the forest.
7. In nature, forest fires are often caused by lightning.
8. When an old forest has much decayed material covering its floor, lightning may easily ignite it, and a forest fire will begin.
9. Since root systems are not destroyed, a burned-over forest will grow back.
10. Wild berries thrive after a forest fire, and deer and other animals feed on them.
11. Many years can pass before a forest recovers from a fire.
12. Wind can carry smoke particles for many miles.
13. In 1950, smoke from a fire in Canada drifted across the Atlantic to Europe.
14. People in Scotland looked at the sun through the smoke that had drifted across the ocean, and they were surprised.
15. To them, the sun appeared to be indigo colored, and the moon seemed to be blue.

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