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Complex or Simple Sentence Worksheet

A complex sentence has an independent clause and a dependent clause.
An independent clause is a complete sentence that can stand on its own.
A dependent clause is not a complete sentence for it cannot stand on its own.

Dependent clauses start with subordinating conjunctions such as: after, so, because, since, although, even though, before, unless, whenever etc...

Directions: Read each sentence below. Identify each as a complex or simple sentence.

Example A: Because he played well, the boy is happy.

Answer: complex sentence

1. I love to read. _____
2. We ran home and ate dinner. _____
3. After the movie, we all went out for pizza. _____
4. Unless he shows, we have to close up the shop. _____
5. Let's all take a walk after dinner. _____
6. Once I finished lunch, I saw the surprise. _____
7. She had a fun birthday party. _____
8. Wherever they are, it is far from here. _____
9. As I arrived, they all go out of the car. _____
10. We didn't hear the sound. _____
11. Although she was smart, she didn't understand the problem.

Answers:

1. Simple
2. Simple
3. Complex
4. Complex
5. Simple
6. Complex
7. Simple
8. Complex
9. Complex
10. Simple
11. Complex