

Classwork: Determine which sentence type the following phrases are in - Simple, Compound, Complex, or Compound-Complex.

Here is some information to help you distinguish between phrases and clauses which will help with some of the questions - While phrases and dependent clauses cannot stand alone, dependent clauses must have a subject and a verb, while phrases *can only have one*. Also, dependent clauses start with subordinating conjunctions, while phrases do not.

Feel free to mark up the pieces which make up the sentence if you are having trouble. Which part is an independent clause? Dependent? Phrases? Coordinating conjunction (FANBOYS)? Subordinating Conjunction (SWABI)? Doing so will make this quite simple.

1. After the test, we will all breathe a sigh of relief.
2. After the test ended, we will all breathe a sigh of relief.
3. The principal gave us a party and let us eat candy.
4. The principal gave us a party, and she let us eat candy.
5. When you finish your homework, you can go outside and play.
6. When you finish your homework, you can go outside and play; your friends are out there waiting!
7. Since she asked nicely, Brenda got a cookie.
8. She asked nicely, so Brenda got a cookie.