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Compound and Complex Sentences

Directions Join each pair of simple sentences to make a compound sentence. Use a comma and a conjunction such as *and*, *but*, or *or*.

1. Water from the trees creates clouds.
The water in the clouds falls back as rain.

2. Shut the window.
The basement might flood.

3. Mining is an important industry in the area.
It has damaged the rain forest.

4. The insect might be harmless.
We decided not to touch it.

Directions Add an independent clause to each dependent clause to make a complex sentence.

5. Although we could not see them, _____

6. When the medicine arrived, _____

7. While Jack slept, _____

8. After we ate dinner at the campsite, _____



Home Activity Your child learned how to use compound and complex sentences in writing. Have your child choose a simple sentence from a book and rewrite it first to make a compound sentence and then to make a complex sentence.