

GRADE 8 ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

Say whether the following sentences are simple, complex or compound. Refer to the notes in your language module on page 19.

REMEMBER: first underline all the **finite verbs** in the sentence. If there is only one finite verb, you will know that the sentence is **SIMPLE**. If there is more than one finite verb, look for a **conjunction** and then decide if the sentence is **COMPOUND** or **COMPLEX**.

1. Buddy stole the money from his mother's purse.
2. He tiptoed into the front room and slipped the purse out of her handbag.
3. There was no reply so he left the house.
4. His mum stayed there for a few minutes then she wiped her face roughly.
5. For three months his dad had disappeared.
6. His dad must want to keep it quiet because she would be back soon.
7. If he broke the bargain he might die at any time.
8. Buddy took two more careful steps and turned with relief on to the tarmac of the school drive.
9. His legs ached from the strain but not once had he touched a line.
10. There was absolute silence in the room as he went round the desks picking up the bits of paper.
11. He didn't look at anyone.
12. When Buddy got home from school he saw his dad standing outside the house.
13. The kitchen smelled of stale frying which always clung to his clothes.
14. Shadows filled the room as it got darker.
15. Ten minutes later there was the sound of music from down below.
16. He'd learned the songs like nursery rhymes when he was a kid.
17. The record ended and a minute later Buddy heard his dad leave the house.
18. Buddy didn't get warm all evening.
19. He has chosen Richard the Lionheart because he he'd seen a good film about him.
20. As soon as he started eating, Buddy realised how hungry he had been.
21. He tried to picture his mum's face.
22. There was no hurry so he went the long way through the shopping precinct.
23. He stopped in front of the pen counter and picked up a ballpoint.
24. The Satellite Youth Club was held in a dingy hall next to the church where the twins went every Sunday.
25. Buddy found himself grinning with them.
26. Charmian unwrapped the paper, took out a bag of chips and handed it to her brother.
27. As he finished the story the wind blew biting cold along the street.
28. Buddy grew more and more uneasy.
29. Suddenly Julius raised his arms and let out a long ghost-like howl.
30. The dark, liquid eyes had stared back at Buddy without blinking.