

Simple or Compound?

7a. A **simple sentence** contains one independent clause and no subordinate clauses.

7b. A **compound sentence** contains two or more independent clauses and no subordinate clauses.

The independent clauses of a compound sentence are often joined by a comma and a coordinating conjunction, but they also may be joined by a semicolon.

SIMPLE SENTENCE I went outside and looked at the sky.

COMPOUND SENTENCES The sky looked threatening, so I expected a storm.

The sky looked threatening; I expected a storm.

EXERCISE A For each of the following sentences, underline each subject once and each verb twice. Then, identify the sentence by writing *S* for *simple sentence* or *CD* for *compound sentence* on the line provided.

Example CD 1. Geronimo was an Apache; he struggled to preserve the Apache way of life.

- _____ 1. Geronimo was born in No-doyohn Canyon, Mexico.
- _____ 2. Geronimo defended his homeland against colonization by Mexicans and North Americans.
- _____ 3. Mexican bounty hunters killed his mother, his wife, and his children in 1858.
- _____ 4. Geronimo wanted revenge, so he gathered a band of men.
- _____ 5. He led the band of Apaches in raids against Mexican settlements.
- _____ 6. The Mexicans called him Geronimo; that name in English is Jerome.
- _____ 7. The Apaches used his name as their battle cry.
- _____ 8. In 1874, U.S. authorities forcibly moved about four thousand Apaches to a reservation.
- _____ 9. Geronimo led these Apaches in attacks on U.S. settlements and soldiers.
- _____ 10. The United States sent five thousand soldiers after Geronimo, but the small group of Apaches did not surrender for more than four months.

EXERCISE B For each of the following sentences, underline each subject once and each verb twice. Then, identify the sentence by writing *S* for *simple sentence* or *CD* for *compound sentence* above the item number.

Example S [1] The army finally tracked Geronimo to his camp in the mountains.

[11] He was imprisoned in Florida and later in Oklahoma; he never returned to Arizona and to his Apache life. [12] He told his story to S. M. Barrett in 1905–1906, and Barrett wrote a book about it. [13] Geronimo would not permit a stenographer at the interviews, so Barrett took notes.

[14] The name of this book is *Geronimo: His Own Story*. [15] Geronimo died in 1909; he was a courageous man to the end.