

5. *Many people* enjoy going to shopping malls, and that is exactly the reason I don't like them. I always feel uncomfortable in (5)_____. I would much rather stay quietly at home.
- (A) big buildings
 (B) clothing stores
 (C) large crowds

Skill 6 Sentence Types

You can vary your sentences by using a variety of sentence types. There are four types of sentences: simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex. Varying the types of sentences you use makes your writing more interesting.

Simple sentence

A simple sentence consists of one clause. That is, it has one subject and one verb.

Dogs make good pets.
 subject verb

Compound sentence

A compound sentence consists of two or more simple sentences connected with a conjunction: *and*, *but*, or.

A mall will bring jobs to the neighborhood, and it will make shopping easier.
 simple sentence 1 simple sentence 2

Complex sentence

A complex sentence consists of a simple sentence (independent clause) and one or more subordinate clauses (dependent clauses).

Because I have always studied at small schools, I know nothing about large schools.
 subordinate clause simple sentence

Compound-complex sentence

A compound-complex sentence consists of two or more simple sentences and one or more subordinate clauses.

Because I have always studied at small schools, I know nothing about large schools
 subordinate clause simple sentence 1
 and I don't feel qualified to comment on them.
 simple sentence 2

Practice

Read the following essay and label the sentences by their type.

Simple=S Compound=C Complex = Cx Compound-Complex=C-Cx

1. _____ People often enjoy having pets around, but I do not think that every family
2. _____ should have them. Pets require a lot of time and attention.
3. _____ Many families cannot give pets the care that they need.
4. _____ Pets demand a lot of time from their owners.
5. _____ They need daily feeding.
6. _____ Dogs need daily walking.
7. _____ All pets need to be groomed frequently, and they need to be taken to a veterinarian regularly.
8. _____ Many families don't have time for these things.
9. _____ Pets require a lot of attention.
10. _____ Most pets do not like being alone.
11. _____ If a pet is left by itself all day, it can become very depressed.
12. _____ However, most people have to go to work or school, and they cannot be home during the day very often.
13. _____ This makes a sad life for a pet.

Skill 7 Punctuation

You must be careful of your spelling and punctuation. In the Writing section, you will not have access to dictionaries or automatic spell checkers on the computer. Make sure you understand how each of the following is used.

- An **indent** of approximately a centimeter is made at the beginning of each paragraph.
- **Capital letters** are used at the beginning of each sentence and as the first letter for all proper nouns.
- A **period, question mark, or exclamation point** is always used at the end of a sentence.
- **Commas** are used in the middle of sentences in certain situations.
 - In a list of three or more things
Some small schools provide students with laptop computers, the latest software, and Internet access.
 - To separate transition words from the rest of the sentence
Additionally, a new gym would cost much more than a new library.