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Simple, Compound, Complex and Compound-complex Sentences

Simple: Cows eat grass.

Write four simple sentences here. Remember that a simple sentence consists of **one independent** clause. It has a subject and a verb, and it expresses a complete thought.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Compound: Cows eat grass, and mice eat cheese.

Write four compound sentences here. Remember that a compound sentence consists of **two independent** clauses. Each clause contains a subject and a verb, and it expresses a complete thought.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Complex: If I were you, I would eat more vegetables.

Write four complex sentences here. Remember that a complex sentence consists of **one dependent** and **one independent** clause. The dependent clause cannot stand on its own because while it has a subject and a verb, it *does not* express a complete thought. A dependent (or subordinate) clause usually begins with a subordinator like “if,” “until,” “when,” “before,” etc.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Compound-complex: When my mom opened the door, my sister turned on the light, and we all jumped out from behind the furniture and yelled, “Surprise!”

Write one compound-complex sentence here. A compound-complex sentence consists of at least **one dependent** and **two independent** clauses.

1. _____