THE COMPOUND SENTENCE

The compound sentence consists of two or more simple sentences put together. In the compound sentence, each verb has a different subject. The sentences are joined three ways.

1. By a comma and coordinating conjunction (and, but, yet, so, or, for, nor.)
   ex. Martha has been painting her room, but Peg went to the movies.

2. With a semicolon (;)
   ex. Mrs. Miller likes to play bridge; Amy is her favorite partner.

3. With a semicolon and a conjunctive adverb (then, however, therefore, consequently, etc.)
   ex. Our trip took five days; consequently, we are exhausted.

Identifying Compound and Simple Sentences.
Place "S" for simple or "C" for compound in the blank after the sentence.

1. I haven't seen Ann lately, and I won't see her again until fall.      _____
2. Mr. Holmes listens to the news every night, and then he goes to bed.     _____
3. Helen is going to Spain today and will come home July 25.      _____
4. Will you wait for me, or do you want to go ahead?       _____
5. The children argue and wrangle over every little thing.     _____
6. We had nearly finished our thirty-six holes of golf, and I was exhausted.  _____
7. I had originally planned to attend the meeting; however, now I find I can't.  _____
8. Mrs. Brent likes to drive; she finds it relaxing.             _____
9. Annette is afraid of the water; consequently, she had trouble passing the swimming test. _____
10. Delaware used to be a slave state; however, during the Civil War, it refused to secede. _____
11. Should I carve the roast, or do you want to do it?   _____
12. Ellen was calm after the accident, but Jane was very nervous.  _____
13. On their vacation, the Smiths golfed and swam everyday. _____
14. The Millers and the Ogdens like to attend concerts together.  _____
15. I did my grocery shopping today; consequently, our cupboard is full.  _____
16. The President will hold a press conference today. _____
17. Mr. Nelson looked angry; accordingly, I wasn't eager to introduce myself. _____
18. Shall we have a picnic, or would you like to eat inside? _____
19. Dan showered and dressed in his best clothes.     _____
20. The ice cream was partly melted; nevertheless, it tasted good.     _____
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