A compound-complex sentence has two or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses.

The Great Barrier Reef that lies off the coast of Australia is the largest in the world; the reef off the coast of Belize is the largest in the Western Hemisphere.

A. Identifying Clauses
In each compound-complex sentence below, the dependent clause is underlined. Identify the sentence parts named in the parentheses. Write the sentence parts on the line.

1. Before the Spanish conquered Peru, the Incas had built a walled city called Machu Picchu; this tour visits the ruins of that city.
   (simple subject and verb of the first independent clause) ____________________________
   (simple subject and verb of the second independent clause) ____________________________

2. The Grand Canyon is a stunning sight, but Yosemite National Park also has many impressive features that you will never forget.
   (simple subject and verb of the first independent clause) ____________________________
   (simple subject and verb of the dependent clause) __________________________________

3. New Orleans is known for its lively French Quarter, and visitors who have an interest in history will enjoy a tour of the historic sites.
   (simple subject and verb of the dependent clause) ____________________________
   (simple subject and verb of the second independent clause) ____________________________

B. Identifying Kinds of Sentences
Identify each sentence below with CD for compound, CX for complex, or CD-CX for compound-complex.

1. Stay a little longer if you like. ________

2. Although my dog can play the piano, he does not do it well, and nobody asks him for encores. ________

3. After the last song, the musicians packed up their instruments and got on the bus. ________

4. No one should ride on a motorcycle unless he or she wears a helmet. ________

5. I’ll go if I can, but several events are scheduled for that day. ________

6. Spring came and went quickly, but I was ready for summer. ________

7. When you called, I was reading a book; now I can’t find my place. ________
A. Identifying Clauses

In each compound-complex sentence below, draw parentheses around each independent clause and underline each dependent clause.

1. A tourist attraction that also has practical importance is the Panama Canal; both cruise ships and freighters pass through it daily.

2. Is the Sears Tower in Chicago still the tallest building in the world, or have any buildings that have gone up recently taken that honor?

3. When the last tsar of Russia was arrested by revolutionaries, he and his family were hiding at a palace near St. Petersburg; now that palace is open to tourists.

4. Mount Fuji in Japan has become so popular with tourists that crowding has become a real problem, but I would still like to travel there.

5. You can take a large cruise ship to see the glaciers of Alaska, or you can ride a smaller boat that can go closer to the coast and its icy covering.

6. I’d like to see the North Pole, but I will never go where it is that cold!

B. Identifying Kinds of Sentences

Identify each sentence below with S for simple, CD for compound, CX for complex, or CD-CX for compound-complex.

1. My aunt has joined an investment club that investigates and buys stocks, and she has made a little profit already.

2. The Great Barrier Reef forms a natural breakwater for the coast of northeast Australia and attracts tourists from all over the world.

3. Just thinking is not enough; you must think of something.

4. We had gone only a little way into the cave before our flashlight went out.

5. Although snow was predicted, the temperature has stayed above freezing, so rain is falling instead.

6. Is the universe expanding, or is it contracting?

7. After the holiday dinner is over, my brother washes dishes and I dry them.

8. The last car of the poky old freight train is just now coming into view.

9. Everyone who saw the movie has liked it, so I’m going tonight.

10. We tried hard, but the job was harder than we expected.
A. Identifying Kinds of Sentences

Identify each sentence below with S for simple, CD for compound, CX for complex, or CD-CX for compound-complex.

1. San Francisco is built on hills, and some of the streets are quite steep. ________
2. Because almost all parts of Hawaii are almost always cooled by winds, visitors rarely complain about the heat. ________
3. In Florida, if you aren’t a fan of amusement parks, you can explore the Everglades, or you can go to the beaches, which are a fine place to relax. ________
4. Visitors to Pennsylvania can explore historic sites of the Revolutionary War at Valley Forge or of the Civil War at Gettysburg. ________

B. Writing Different Kinds of Sentences

Write compound-complex sentences by adding to the sentences in Exercise A according to the directions in parentheses.

1. (Locate the compound-complex sentence in Exercise A. Replace either independent clause.)
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2. (Locate the compound sentence in Exercise A. Add an adjective clause.)
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3. (Locate the complex sentence in Exercise A. Add another independent clause that tells another effect of the dependent clause.)
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4. (Locate the simple sentence in Exercise A. Add an adverb clause that tells when, and another independent clause that tells about another state. Use a semicolon to join the second independent clause to the sentence.)
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