



Name: _____ Number: _____

1. Add periods, commas, and capital letters to the following paragraph.

the messy desk

the top of my desk is always a mess papers and books are lying everywhere at least five empty coca-cola cans are sitting on the desk broken pencils are scattered on top of it and on the floor under it the wastebasket next to my desk is full of used notebook paper empty potato chip bags and rotten banana peels eleven copies of skin diving magazine and nine copies of computer world are under the pile of books and papers you can't see the top of the desk because of the mess

**2. Write S if the sentence is simple and C if the sentence is compound.
Add commas where they are needed.**

- _____ 1. My sisters were afraid of most bugs but they loved to catch fire flies.
- _____ 2. We usually had to go to bed at nine o'clock but on really warm evenings we could stay up until ten.
- _____ 3. Between nine and ten o'clock our mother or our father told us to come inside to get ready for bed.
- _____ 4. Sometimes it was still hot in our small bedroom so our parents let us sleep outside in the backyard.
- _____ 5. In those days, parents didn't worry about crime and no one locked their front doors at night.

3. Underline the independent clauses with a solid line, the dependent clauses with a broken line, draw a circle around the subordinating conjunction and add a comma if one is needed.

1. Finally, after we got our suitcases we went outside and met our relatives.
 2. It was very confusing because no one could understand anyone.
 3. However, before we left Italy we could speak a little more Italian.
 4. If we go to Italy again we won't be so nervous.
 5. Although we didn't know our Italian cousins they invited us to stay with them.
- 4. Decide whether the following sentences are a simple sentence, a compound sentence, a complex sentence, a compound-complex sentence, or a run-on sentence.**

1. Jazz is the greatest American musical form, and Duke Ellington is its greatest genius. _____
 2. Although young women want to participate in sports as much as young men, women's sports often don't receive equal funding from colleges. _____
 3. The tallest mountain in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro is the subject of a stunning new IMAX® documentary film. _____
 4. The author Mark Twain was fascinated by technology, he was the first writer ever to deliver a typed manuscript to his publisher. _____
 5. When I visited California last summer, I spent one week in San Francisco, and I visited the nearby Napa Valley with my cousin. _____
- 5. Write a well-developed paragraph describing the place where you are having your English Midterm Exam right now. Remember to follow the space orders.**

Best of Luck



Answer Key

1. Add periods, commas, and capital letters to the following paragraph.

the neat desk

~~my~~ My roommate's desk is completely neat. ~~her~~ Her pens and pencils are lined up in straight rows and her pencils all have sharp points. ~~her~~ Her paper clips rubber bands and erasers are in small drawers. ~~each~~ Each drawer has a label on it on top of her desk. ~~there~~ There is a box with four shelves. ~~one~~ One shelf is for unpaid bills, one is for paid bills, one is for unanswered letters, and one is for answered letters. ~~if~~ Sometimes think she spends more time keeping her desk neat than she spends doing her homework.

2. Write S if the sentence is simple and C if the sentence is compound.
Add commas where they are needed.

S _____ 1. The summers in the Midwest are hot and humid.

C _____ 2. Every evening it was too hot to sleep so my sisters and I played outside until after dark.

S _____ 3. Our parents sat on the front porch and watched us play on children's games.

C _____ 4. We played games such as hide-and-seek and tag or we just sat around and told stories.

S _____ 5. We also caught fireflies in glass jars and watched them shine in the dark like tiny flashlights.

3. Underline the independent clauses with a solid line, the dependent clauses with a broken line, draw a circle around the subordinating conjunction and add a comma if one is needed.

1. We studied Italian for several months before we left on our trip.

2. Although we could understand a little Italian we couldn't speak it.

3. Of course, our Italian cousins couldn't speak English although they could understand it.

4. When we arrived in Rome they met us at the airport.

5. They waited outside while the Italian officials checked our passports and luggage.

4. Decide whether the following sentences are a simple sentence, a compound sentence, a complex sentence, a compound-complex sentence, or a run-on sentence.

1. compound

2. Complex

3. Simple

4. run-on

5. compound-complex

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-Answer will vary regarding to different writing styles.