

***TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD* by Harper Lee – Grammar and Style**

EXERCISE 4 SIMPLE, COMPOUND, AND COMPLEX SENTENCES

Label each of the following sentences S for simple, C for compound, CX for complex, or CC for compound complex.

- ___ 1. When my father was admitted to the bar, he returned to Maycomb and began his practice.
- ___ 2. Atticus's office in the courthouse contained little more than a hat rack, a spittoon, a checkerboard and an unsullied Code of Alabama.
- ___ 3. His first two clients were the last two persons hanged in the Maycomb County jail.
- ___ 4. They ambled across the square, shuffled in and out of the stores around it, took their time about everything.
- ___ 5. Dill blushed and Jem told me to hush, a sure sign that Dill had been studied and found acceptable.
- ___ 6. But by the end of August our repertoire was vapid from countless reproductions, and it was then that Dill gave us the idea of making Boo Radley come out.
- ___ 7. My memory came alive to see Mrs. Radley occasionally open the front door, walk to the edge of the porch, and pour water on her cannas.
- ___ 8. At last the sawhorses were taken away, and we stood watching from the front porch when Mr. Radley made his final journey past our house.
- ___ 9. We looked at her in surprise, for Calpurnia rarely commented on the ways of white people.
- ___ 10. We left the corner, crossed the side street that ran in front of the Radley house, and stopped at the gate.
- ___ 11. Jem threw open the gate and sped to the side of the house, slapped it with his palm and ran back past us, not waiting to see if his foray was successful.
- ___ 12. A storm of laughter broke loose when it finally occurred to the class that Miss Caroline had whipped me.
- ___ 13. He waited until he was sure she was crying, then he shuffled out of the building.

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- ___ 14. **“If I didn’t go to school tomorrow, you’d force me to.”**
- ___ 15. **She had never told on us, had never played cat-and-mouse with us, she was not at all interested in our private lives.**
- ___ 16. **Jem skipped two steps, put his foot on the porch, heaved himself to it, and teetered a long moment.**
- ___ 17. **Jem pulled out his grandfather’s watch that Atticus let him carry once a week if Jem were careful with it.**
- ___ 18. **Next morning on the way to school he ran ahead of me and stopped at the tree.**
- ___ 19. **When we went home for dinner Jem bolted his food, ran to the porch and stood on the steps.**
- ___ 20. **Next morning I awoke, looked out the window and nearly died of fright.**
- ___ 21. **She was entrusted with issuing public announcements, wedding invitations, setting off the fire siren, and giving first-aid instructions when Dr. Reynolds was away.**
- ___ 22. **He went in the house, returned with the laundry hamper, filled it with earth and carried it to the front yard.**
- ___ 23. **Jem procured some peachtree switches from the back yard, plaited them, and bent them into bones to be covered with dirt.**
- ___ 24. **Before I went to sleep Atticus put more coal on the fire in my room.**
- ___ 25. **Farther down stream, beyond the bluff, were traces of an old cotton landing, where Finch Negroes had loaded bales and produce, unloaded blocks of ice, flour and sugar, farm equipment, and feminine apparel.**