

Compound and Complex Sentences

Decide whether each item is a compound sentence, a complex sentence, a simple sentence, or a fragment. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. The word *parachute* comes from two French words meaning “prevent” and “fall.”
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
2. Some people think the Chinese might have used parachutes in the 1100s, but most people think that Leonardo da Vinci was the first to share the idea.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
3. Although these older versions can be called parachutes, they do not look like the parachutes we know today.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
4. Improve the design all of the time, making them much safer.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
5. When you jump out of an airplane, you want your parachute to be safe!
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
6. History shows that the first real parachute was used around 1780.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
7. Because its safety was uncertain, an experimenter dropped a dog from a hot air balloon to test a parachute.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
8. If you ask me, I’d say that was very unfair to that poor dog!
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
9. The book did not say whether the dog lived or died.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
10. If it did include that information, I would share it with you.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
11. The book did have information about the first man to try the parachute.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
12. This man’s last name was Garnerin, and he was from France.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
13. The French invention of the parachute.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
14. Parachutes were used during World War I, and they became a part of military strategy in World War II.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
15. If you used a parachute in World War II, you were called a paratrooper.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
16. Included very dangerous jumps into unfamiliar surroundings.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment
17. Parachutes are still used today, but they are now used for fun, too.
A compound **C** simple
B complex **D** fragment