

Compound, Complex, and Compound-Complex Sentence Practice

- A. Using FANBOYS combine the simple sentences below to create compound sentences. Use appropriate punctuation. Make sure that you are using the appropriate FANBOYS (meaning) for the situation. Write the new sentence on your own paper.
1. Wang Lung is a simple farmer. He has big dreams. (show contrast)
 2. Wang Lung needed a wife. He went to the House of Hwang to get one. (Cause-Effect)
 3. Opium addiction was a problem in China. Many people spent their fortunes on opium. (combine like ideas)
 4. CHALLENGE: Pearl Buck's novel doesn't take place in China. It doesn't tell about Americans. (shows negative agreement--You will need to remove the negative in the second contraction)
- B. Using the AAAWWUBBIS words, write complex sentences like the example sentences below. Make sure you are using proper punctuation and the appropriate subordinate conjunction (meaning) for the situation. Write the new sentence on your own paper.

EX. Dependent clause, independent clause.

After Wang Lung picked up O-Lan, he bought her peaches.

EX. Independent clause dependent clause.

Wang-Lung bought O-Lan peaches after he picked her up.

1. Sweat poured off Wang Lung. He worked in the field. (time or cause-effect)
2. O-Lan cooked a feast for Wang Lung's friends and family. Wang Lung bought food in the village. (time or cause-effect)
3. O-Lan made a special coat for the first son. They did not have very much money. (opposition)
4. Wang Lung was proud of O-Lan. O-Lan made special tea cakes. (cause-effect)

C. Now, write compound-complex sentences by combining the sentences below. Begin with a complex sentence; then, write a compound sentence on the end.

EX. Dependent clause, independent clause, COORDINATING CONJUNCTION independent clause.

Because Wang Lung's family is poor, they have to work hard in the fields, but they are rewarded for the hard work with the abundant harvest. (cause effect + contrast)

1. Wang Lung works in the field. O-lan works beside him. The baby lies on a quilt near a tree. (time + Combine like ideas)
2. A pot was broken. O-Lan would mend the pot by putting fresh clay in it. They would not talk of getting a new one. (Condition + "for")
3. The baby stretches his hand out to touch the rain as it falls. The grandfather is pleased with the baby. He says "there is not another child like this in a dozen villages" (Buck 44). (cause-effect + combine like ideas)
4. Wang Lung loves O-Lan. He does not show it. They talk about the harvest, not love. (condition + combine like ideas)