

Sentence Combining... with Pirates!

Combine the sentences to make compound and complex sentences. Remove or add words if necessary. After you have combined the sentences, circle whether you created a compound or complex sentence.

Simple Sentence: a sentence with one subject and one predicate.
Example: Elvis ate soup.

Compound Sentence: two or more independent clauses joined with a coordinating conjunction.
Example: Elvis went home today, and he ate soup.

Complex Sentence: two or more independent clauses joined with a dependent marker.
Example: After he went home, he ate soup.

1. The pirate with the scarf got off the boat.
The pirate with the scarf frightened the fishermen.

_____ compound or complex

2. The pirate was afraid of water.
The pirate had to swim to the boat that they were pirating.

_____ compound or complex

3. The sun was beating down on the pirate.
The pirate clenched his pirate knife in his teeth.

_____ compound or complex

4. The pirate loved to eat big pieces of ham.
The pirate didn't know whether he liked his ham boiled or broiled.

_____ compound or complex

5. The pirate sang a pirate song.
The pirate swabbed the deck.
The pirate had to do his work.

_____ compound or complex