

# SIMPLE AND COMPOUND SENTENCES

**RETEACHING:** A simple sentence is a sentence that expresses only one complete thought. A compound sentence is a sentence made up of two simple sentences joined by a comma and the word *and*, *but*, or *or*.

A. On the line, identify each sentence as either *simple* or *compound*.

1. Maizon will attend a new school soon. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Margaret and Maizon have been friends for a very long time. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Maizon is going to Blue Hill, but Margaret will stay behind. \_\_\_\_\_
4. She will leave soon, and she still has to pack. \_\_\_\_\_
5. This last summer with Maizon is a time of great change for the girls' friendship. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Maizon thinks of Margaret as her best friend in the whole world. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Sometimes things change, and they can't change back again. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The friendship may end, or it may stay the same. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Underline the <sup>independent clauses</sup> in each compound sentence below.

1. Ms. Tory held Margaret's hand, but she did not speak.
2. Maizon kept Margaret from doing things, but now Maizon is gone.
3. Margaret will try new things, or she will stay the same.
4. Margaret's dad died, and she lost her best friend.
5. The summer had brought sadness, and Margaret had suffered.
6. Next summer might be better, or it might be worse.
7. Margaret hoped for better times, but she couldn't count on them.

\* Circle the  
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underline the  
independent  
clauses.