

Compound and complex sentence exercise

State which of the following sentences are compound and which are complex?

1. The house was destroyed in the fire, but the whole family was saved.
2. Walking through the wood, he saw a fox that was following him.
3. If I do not get this job, I will start a business.
4. He said that he was so disappointed that he would not try again.
5. The men who rule the world with their pens are mightier than those who rule the world with their swords.
6. The evil that men do lives after them.
7. All that glitters is not gold.
8. Neither the color nor the design of this cloth appeals to me.

Answers

1. Compound sentence (Main clause 1 - The house was destroyed in the fire; main clause 2 - but the whole family was saved)
2. Complex sentence (main clause - he saw a fox; subordinate clause - that was following him)
3. Complex sentence (main clause - I will start a business; subordinate clause - if I do not get this job)
4. Complex sentence (main clause - he said; subordinate clause 1 - that he was so disappointed; subordinate clause 2 - that he would not try again)

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5. Complex sentence (main clause - the men are mightier; subordinate clause 1 - who rule the world with their pens; subordinate clause 2 - who rule the world with their swords)
6. Complex sentence (main clause - the evil lives after them; subordinate clause - that men do)
7. Complex sentence (main clause - all is not gold; subordinate clause - that glitters)
8. Compound sentence (main clause 1 - neither the design appeals to me; main clause 2 - nor the color of the cloth appeals to me)