Simple, Compound Or Complex Sentence

A simple sentence has only one clause.
A complex sentence has one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.
A compound sentence has two or more clauses of the equal rank.

State whether the following sentences are simple, complex or compound.

1. We met rather few people who spoke English.
   - Simple sentence
   - Complex sentence
   - Compound sentence

2. I have been on rather too many planes and trains recently.
   - Simple sentence
   - Complex sentence
   - Compound sentence

3. We drove right up to Helsinki in two days.
   - Simple sentence
   - Complex sentence
   - Compound sentence
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4. I don’t care how expensive it is.

Simple sentence
Complex sentence
Compound sentence

5. Two minutes ago the child was fast asleep, but now he is wide awake.

Simple sentence
Complex sentence
Compound sentence

6. He is not tall enough to be a soldier.

Simple sentence
Complex sentence
Compound sentence

7. I guess she just doesn’t respect you.

Simple sentence
Complex sentence
Compound sentence
8. I have got four sisters and each of them is quite different from the others.
Simple sentence
Complex sentence
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9. You can either come with me now or walk home.
Simple sentence
Complex sentence
Compound sentence

10. He will never leave home because he hasn’t got the courage to.
Simple sentence
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11. When all else fails, read the user manual.
Simple sentence
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12. It was Sam who paid for the drinks.

Simple sentence
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Answers

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10. He will never leave home because he hasn’t got the courage to. (Complex sentence)
11. When all else fails, read the user manual. (Complex sentence)
12. It was Sam who paid for the drinks. (Complex sentence)