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## Grammar: Simple and Compound Sentences

### Identifying Simple Sentences and Compound Sentences

Determine whether each of the following sentences is simple or compound. Remember, a **simple sentence** has **one** independent clause, and a **compound sentence** has **two or more** independent clauses. If a sentence is simple, write **S** after it. If it is compound, write **C**.

1. Dad and I like clams, but my mother prefers oysters.
2. Some trees and shrubs live thousands of years.
3. It rained, but we marched in the parade anyway.
4. Mr. Vaughn will lead the singing, for Mrs. Stover is ill.
5. My cousins and their parents visited us last summer.
6. I had worked hard, yet I had not finished the job.
7. Shane peeled the onions and dumped them into a huge pot.
8. We made a shelter for our dog, but he will not use it.
9. Plants and pets should be protected from the cold.
10. Martins are swallows, and they feed only on airborne bugs.

### Answer the following questions:

1. A simple sentence has how many subjects and how many verbs?
2. Can a simple sentence have compound subjects and verbs?
3. When simple sentences are combined to form a compound sentence, what is used to connect them? (hint: think punctuation and part of speech)