

Simple, compound, and complex sentences

Exercise 1. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. You'll be in trouble *if/unless/because* you don't stop making all that noise.
2. I'm not going to the party *if/unless/so that* Denise asks me.
3. We forgot bringing our coat; *however/as a result/ moreover*, we got wet?
4. I can't help you, *for/so/but* you didn't tell me what happened.
5. I wouldn't lend Kirk any money *if/unless/while* he promised to give it back.

Exercise 2. Match 1–8 with a–h.

1. I've known Chen for twenty years.	a. On the other hand, this one is cheaper.
2. Though the picture is frozen,	b. although I wish it were nearer the sea.
3. On the one hand, this flight time looks good.	c. However, we aren't close friends.
4. I broke my foot.	d. I think it's usually closed on Sundays.
5. It's a lovely house,	e. I can hear you fine.
6. Her paintings are brilliant.	f. However, the rest were terrible.
7. His first two films were amazing.	g. However, it was a blessing in disguise.
8. Though we could try that restaurant,	h. On the other hand, I don't think much of her sculptures.

Exercise 3. Complete each gap in the article with one word from the box below.

however (x2)	Although	yet	On the other hand
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THE TALENTED MR. ROBESON

It's hard to say which of Paul Robeson's many talents was his finest. On the one hand, he was a world-class singer; (1) _____, his most important work was arguably his human rights activism.

(2) _____ he is best known as a singer and actor; Robeson was also incredibly talented in other fields. He was outstanding at American football, winning an athletic scholarship to Rutgers University. He also earned a law degree from Columbia University Law School, (3) _____ he didn't work as a lawyer for long.

At the time, few Americans spoke more than one or two languages; (4) _____, Robeson was familiar with over a dozen, including Mandarin Chinese, German, Spanish and Arabic, several of which he picked up on his many travels.

For decades, he was one of the world's most famous men; (5) _____, after a series of illnesses, he retired in his sixties and died in 1976, largely forgotten by the public.

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1.

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| 1. if | 2. unless | 3. as a result |
| 4. for | 5. unless | |

Exercise 2.

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| 1-c | 2-e | 3-a | 4-g |
| 5-b | 6-h | 7-f | 8-d |

Exercise 3.

1. On the other hand
2. Although
3. yet
4. however
5. however