Simple and Compound Sentences

Simple Sentences express ONE complete thought

For example: My ears hurt. [simple sentence]

I won’t turn my obnoxiously loud rap music down. [simple sentence]

Compound Sentences are sentences that contain 2 independent clauses. In other words, a compound sentence is the combination of two or more simple sentences joined with a conjunction. Some of the most common joining words (conjunctions) are: **and, or** and **but**.

For example: My ears hurt, but I won’t turn my obnoxiously loud rap music down.

* You need to use a comma before **and, but** or **or** when connecting two simple sentences

Identify whether these sentences are compound or simple:

1. I hate my sister.
2. The bus screeched to a halt in front of the mob of screaming brats.
3. I don’t know why you want to know, and I don’t really care.
4. Terry better smarten up or he’s going to wish he had never been born.
5. Cows sleep standing up.
6. I would like to pretend that I care, but pretending is for losers.

Turn the following compound sentences into two simple sentences:

1. I’m not that upset about losing $20, but I am frustrated with the violation of my privacy.
2. Jonah stopped walking, and the grizzly bear ate him.
3. Watch out for falling rocks, or you might get crushed by a falling rock.
4. Badminton is a fun sport, and it is a lot like ping pong.
5. The stubby, little bulldog growled at the door, but Mark still refused to feed him.