

ANTHEM by Ayn Rand – Grammar and Style

EXERCISE 4 SIMPLE, COMPOUND, AND COMPLEX SENTENCES

Label each of the following sentences S for simple, C for compound, CX for complex, or CC for compound/complex.

- CD 1. We have committed a greater crime, and for this crime there is no name.
- CD 2. The laws say that none among men may be alone, ever and at any time, for this is the great transgression and the root of all evil.
- CC 3. We know that we are evil, but there is no will in us and no power to resist it.
- CD 4. We strive to be like all our brother men, for all men must be alike.
- CX 5. Men must learn till they reach their fifteenth year.
- S 6. The sleeping halls were white and clean and bare of all things save one hundred beds.
- CC 7. The Teachers told us so, and they frowned when they looked upon us.
- CX 8. We learned that the earth is flat and that the sun revolves around it, which causes the day and the night.
- CD 9. We could ask questions of these, for they do not forbid questions.
- 10. It whispers to us that there are great things on this earth of ours, and that we can know them if we try, and that we must know them.
- CX 11. When the bell rings, we all arise from our beds.
- CX 12. Thus we lived each day of four years, until two springs ago when our crime happened.
- CX 13. And when we cleaned the yard of the Home of the Scholars, we gathered the glass vials, the pieces of metal, the dried bones which they had discarded.
- CX 14. We were gathering the papers and the rags which the wind had blown from the Theatre, when we saw an iron bar among the weeds.
- CC 15. Thus we learned their name, and we stood watching them go, till their white tunic was lost in the blue mist.

improper punctuation

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- CX 16. The other women were far off in the field, when we stopped at the hedge by the side of the road.
- CX 17. “If you see us among scores of women, will you look upon us?”
- CD 18. Then the three of the sisters in the field appeared, coming toward the road, so the Golden One walked away from us.
- CX 19. One night, we were cutting open the body of a dead frog when we saw its leg jerking.
- CD 20. It was dead, yet it moved.
- CX 21. Many days passed before we could speak to the Golden One again.
- S 22. In a month, the World Council of Scholars is to meet in our City.
- CX 23. We must guard our tunnel as we had never guarded it before.
- S 24. (You) Take our brother Equality 7-2521 to the Palace of Corrective Detention.”
- S 25. We opened our eyes, lying on our stomach on the brick floor of a cell.