Literacy answers (Monday's SPAG)

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Spot the Complex Sentences **Answers**

1. Fish have gills because they need to breathe underwater. Explanation: It is a complex (multi-clause) sentence – it uses the subordinating conjunction 'because' to create a subordinate clause.	Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence? Yes ✓ No ☐
2. After we have eaten dinner, we are going to take a stroll along the beach. Explanation: It is a complex (multi-clause) sentence – it uses the subordinating conjunction 'After' to create a subordinate clause before the main clause.	Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence? Yes ✓ No ☐
3. The elephant trumpeted at the top of its lungs, which made everyone jump. Explanation: It is a complex (multi-clause) sentence – it uses the relative pronoun 'which' to create a relative clause.	Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence? Yes ✓ No ☐
4. Martha's passport had expired so she needed to get a new one before her holiday. Explanation: It is not a complex (multi-clause) sentence – this is a compound sentence that uses 'so' as a co-ordinating conjunction.	Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence? Yes ☐ No ✓
5. Carrie lives on Green Lane in Haversham. Explanation: It is not a complex (multi-clause) sentence – it is just a simple (single) clause sentence as 'in Haversham' is just a prepositional phrase.	Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence? Yes ☐ No ✓

6. The moonlight shone down.

Explanation: It is not a complex (multi-clause) sentence – it is just a simple (single) clause sentence.

Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?

Yes ☐
No ☑

7. Leon hurriedly completed his homework and he handed it to his teacher.

Explanation: It is not a complex (multi-clause) sentence – this is a compound sentence that uses 'and' as a co-ordinating conjunction.

Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?

Yes ☐
No ☑

8. Henry, who is in my class, is an expert at times tables.

Explanation: It is a complex (multi-clause) sentence – it uses the relative pronoun 'who' to create an embedded relative clause.

Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?

Yes ☑
No ☐

9. I always order a cheeseburger when we go to fast food shop.

Explanation: It is a complex (multi-clause) sentence – it uses the subordinating conjunction 'when' to create a subordinate clause.

Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?

Yes ☑
No ☐