

## 5th Grade Simple and Compound Sentences

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4. Two shoppers look for a cab, but there are none available. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Students burst out of school, and they head for their buses. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Workers dash for trains, or they stay late at their offices. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Some people are in a hurry, but they may have to wait. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Most people catch the train, but some people miss it. \_\_\_\_\_
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