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Sentence Construction Zone Answer Key

Sample Responses - Students' sentences may vary

Set 1

- Simple: The cat chased the dog.
- Compound: The cat chased the dog, and the dog slept.
- Complex: The dog slept because the cat chased it.

Set 2

- Simple: Maria studied.
- Compound: Maria studied, but her friends played.
- Complex: Although Maria studied, her friends played.

Set 3

- Simple: We learned quickly.
- Compound: We learned the lesson, so the teacher explained more.
- Complex: We learned when the teacher explained.

Teacher Notes:

- **Simple sentences:** one subject + one predicate, complete thought.
- **Compound sentences:** two independent clauses joined by coordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS).
- **Complex sentences:** one independent clause and one dependent clause joined by a subordinating conjunction.
- Allow flexibility in student responses; if their sentence uses the provided words correctly and matches the structure, it is acceptable.