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Read each sentence and determine the structure. Write "simple" for simple sentences; write "compound" for compound sentences.

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6. Can we go to the store and buy cookies for dessert? _____

7. Jessica and her sister Ann take ice skating lessons. _____

8. Today for lunch, we are having spaghetti or chicken sandwich. _____

9. Can you help me with number fifteen on the homework? _____

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Answers Compound Sentences

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It is picture day, and I am trying not to get dirty.

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I am very hungry, and dinner is almost finished.

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