**SIMPLE (S) AND COMPLEX (CX) PRACTICE**

**Directions:** Identify whether the following sentences are simple (S) or complex (CX) below. Remember a simple sentence is another name for an independent clause – it’s a complete sentence with Only ONE subject/verb combo. A complex (CX) sentence is a dependent clause + and independent clause. It will have TWO subject/verb combos; one part of the complex sentence could stand alone and the other part could not.

1. \_\_\_\_ The people rejoiced when the wicked old witch died.

2. \_\_\_\_ When the people rejoiced, the wicked old witch died.

3. \_\_\_\_ A junior high school should provide students with the necessary skills for high school.

4. \_\_\_\_ We may present a play if the group is willing.

5. \_\_\_\_ Different novels on the same theme were read and discussed in class.

6. \_\_\_\_ The scarecrow lacked the brains for abstract thinking.

7. \_\_\_\_ He screamed for help.

8. \_\_\_\_ The visitors left the school.

9. \_\_\_\_ Our school is a model of academic excellence.

10. \_\_\_\_ The lion could not frighten a tiny dog because the huge beast lacked courage.

11. \_\_\_\_ The class will answer questions after the book is finished.

12. \_\_\_\_ Jack stayed after school because he needed help on his English.

13. \_\_\_\_ What a good idea Jack had!

14. \_\_\_\_ The captain of the debate team led the debaters to victory.

15. \_\_\_\_ The teacher read the poem for her birds.