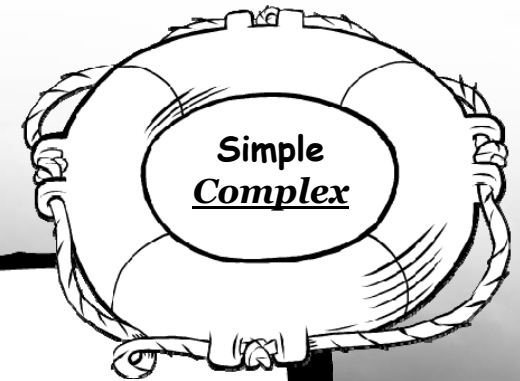


Activity: Read the extract below. Look at how it uses a combination of simple and complex sentences. What effect does this create?



The elements allowed me to go on living. **The lifeboat did not sink. Richard Parker kept out of sight.** The sharks prowled but did not lunge. The waves splashed me but did not pull me off.

I watched the ship as it disappeared with much burbling and belching. Lights flickered and went out. **I looked about for my family, for survivors, for another lifeboat, for anything that might bring me hope.** **There was nothing.** Only rain, marauding waves of black ocean and the flotsam of tragedy.

The darkness melted away from the sky. The rain stopped.