



Using “Humans of New York” to Practice Building Sentences

Instructions: Review Section 4 of the **Building Sentences** card (“Building Different Types of Sentences”) or any resource that covers simple, complex and compound sentences. Then, visit the following “Humans of New York” page – <http://www.humansofnewyork.com/post/134070920526/13-i-used-to-work-at-a-bank-in-cameroon-i> – and read the woman’s story.



Part A.

Write two **simple sentences** from the Cameroonian woman’s story.

1. I used to work in a bank in Cameroon.
2. _____

Write **two complex** sentences from her story.

3. _____
4. _____

Write one **compound sentence** from her story.

5. _____

Part B. Complete the sentences below. Add commas when necessary.

Example: Because the woman wanted to become more Western, she tried to change her accent.

1. Fashion design is not a career in Cameroon so _____
2. If someone in Cameroon wants to be a fashion designer _____
3. _____ when she lived in Cameroon.
4. The woman cut her hair because _____
5. _____ after she understood Cameroon’s cultural beauty.
6. The woman used to straighten her hair and wear extensions but _____
7. When the customer asked about the woman’s dress _____

Part C. Think of a time when you made changes in your life. What did you do differently? Why? How did you feel? On a separate sheet of paper, write a short paragraph explaining the change(s). Include at least one compound and one complex sentence.