

ENGLISH 151A

Sentences: Part 7 (Identifying Compound Sentences)

Underline the independent clauses in each sentence and insert the proper punctuation.

1. The Colosseum was built 2,000 years ago but it still stands in the center of modern Rome.
2. The Colosseum is a famous ruin thousands of tourists visit it every day.
3. The Colosseum was the largest amphitheater built by the ancient Romans nevertheless it was built in less than ten years.
4. The Colosseum could seat more than 45,000 spectators and it was four stories high.
5. The huge structure is about 600 feet long and 500 feet wide furthermore it rises over 187 feet into the air.
6. The Colosseum had approximately eighty entrances therefore crowds could enter and leave quickly.
7. Under the floor of the Colosseum were passages wild animals were kept there.
8. Entertainment was provided by the Roman emperors and it was free to the public.
9. One of the main spectacles was combat between gladiators another was hunting wild animals.
10. These events were for entertainment however the sports often ended in death.
11. Originally the victor determined the fate of the loser but later the emperor gave the life-or-death-signal—thumbs up or thumbs down.
12. The rewards for victors were considerable they included precious gifts and gold coins.
13. The Colosseum has been damaged by earthquakes moreover in the past people stole stones and marble seats.
14. In the past pieces of stone have fallen from the Colosseum and the structure had to be closed to tourists and reinforced.
15. Today tourists can visit parts of the Colosseum they can imagine it with 45,000 spectators!