

Spot the Complex Sentences

A complex or multi-clause sentence is made up of a main clause and then one or more dependent clauses.

There are two ways of creating dependent clauses:

- by using a subordinating conjunction (e.g. after) to create a subordinate clause, e.g. **The horse galloped after it jumped the fence.**
- by adding extra information using a relative clause that starts with a relative pronoun or relative adverb (e.g. who), e.g. **Mr Richardson, who was feeling ravenous, ate some cheese.**

1. Fish have gills because they need to breathe underwater.	Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?
Explanation:	Yes ☐ No ☐
2. After we have eaten dinner, we are going to take a stroll along the beach.	Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?
Explanation:	Yes ☐ No ☐
3. The elephant trumpeted at the top of its lungs, which made everyone jump.	Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?
Explanation:	Yes ☐ No ☐
4. Martha's passport had expired so she needed to get a new one before her holiday.	Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?
Explanation:	Yes ☐ No ☐

5. Carrie lives on Green Lane in Haversham.

Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?

Explanation:

Yes ☐

No ☐

6. The moonlight shone down.

Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?

Explanation:

Yes ☐

No ☐

7. Leon hurriedly completed his homework and he handed it to his teacher.

Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?

Explanation:

Yes ☐

No ☐

8. Henry, who is in my class, is an expert at times tables.

Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?

Explanation:

Yes ☐

No ☐

9. I always order a cheeseburger when we go to fast food shop.

Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?

Explanation:

Yes ☐

No ☐

Challenge

Invent your own complex (multi-clause) sentence:

Sentence:

Is it a complex (multi-clause) sentence?

Explanation:

Yes ☐

No ☐