

Complex sentences

A complex sentence has a dependent clause and an independent clause.

- An **independent** clause can stand alone as a sentence.
- A **dependent** clause begins with a word such as **because, if, when**. It cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Write if the following clauses are dependent or independent:

Example

The bug hides between the leaves

independent

1. that bug is not going to survive today

2. when the bug moves

3. butterflies have "eyes" on their wings

4. the snake uses mimicry to escape

5. because it helps animals survive

6. when an animal adapts

7. they can be prey too

8. animals that are prey need to escape

9. if they hide well

10. because they are smart
