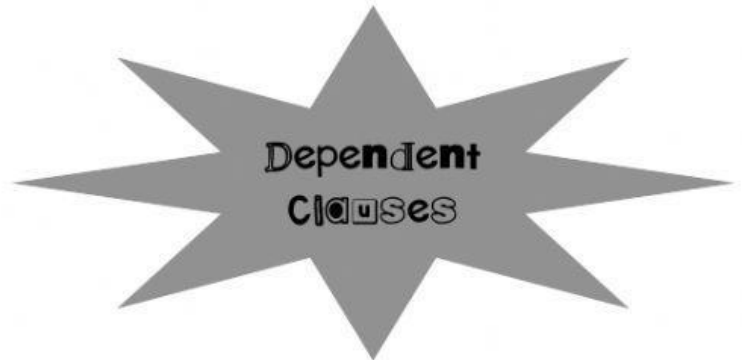




For Numbers 1–5, circle the five dependent clauses in the box.

(Hint: A *dependent clause* does not express a complete thought and is not a complete sentence on its own.)

when the cake was served
she came home at last
if you need my opinion
because I was tired
that slobbery dog pants
and if I remember correctly
until the police arrived



For Numbers 6–10, underline the dependent clause in each sentence.

6. My friend, who does not have a dog, loves to play with mine.
7. I don't know what happened yesterday.
8. Wherever Mason goes, he is loved.
9. If you agree to help, I won't forget it.
10. The cat that has the white patches is mine.

For Numbers 1–5, circle the five independent clauses in the box.

(Hint: An *independent clause* expresses a complete thought and could stand alone as its own sentence.)

after supper
I know Mr. Fletcher
because she was ill
Maria is a letter carrier
please pass the potatoes
the sun came up
carry the boxes



For Numbers 6–10, underline the independent clause in each sentence.

6. Thomas is a veterinarian who makes house calls.
7. They care for animals more than most people.
8. With skilled expertise, they help sick pets.
9. People count on them to make their animals well.
10. I want to be like them when I grow up.

Compound Sentences

A **compound sentence** is made up of **two** (or more) simple sentences connected by a **coordinating conjunction**.

Wow, so that's how two sentences become one sentence! Wait till I tell my mom!

A **coordinating conjunction** connects words, phrases, and clauses. Here's a list of these important words: **and, or, nor, but, yet, for, so**.

Another name for simple sentence is **independent clause**.

My friend is a great musician. She loves to practice.

becomes

My friend is a great musician, **and** she loves to practice.

Complex Sentences

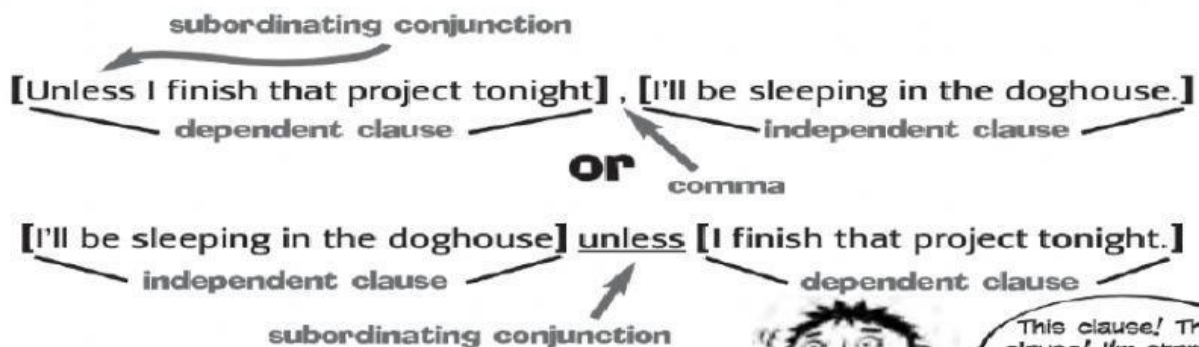
A **complex sentence** is made up of one independent clause and one or more **dependent clauses**.

It's not really that complicated!

Just like a compound sentence, a **complex sentence** is made up of two or more clauses. **BUT** in a **complex sentence**, one of the clauses begins with a **subordinating conjunction**.

A **subordinating conjunction** links an **independent clause** (can stand alone) with a **dependent clause** (cannot stand alone). It can appear at the beginning or middle of a sentence.

If the first clause in the sentence is dependent, a comma usually separates the two clauses.



This clause! That clause! I'm starting to get claustrophobic!

Some Subordinating Conjunctions

after	since	whenever	before	when
because	until	although	unless	while

LET'S RECAP!

Complete the sentences.

- Compound and complex sentences are made up of two or more _____.
- A compound sentence uses _____ conjunctions.
- A complex sentence uses _____ conjunctions.
- An _____ clause can be a sentence.
- A _____ clause cannot be a sentence.
- Use a _____ to connect a dependent clause and an independent clause.

This is almost as hard as juggling!

Take the Clause Challenge

Simple, Compound, or Complex?

Think you know all about clauses, conjunctions, and different kinds of sentences?

We shall see. Time to take my challenge!

Classify each sentence by checking off the correct sentence structure type. Circle the conjunction that links the two clauses. (Simple sentences will not have a conjunction.)

Sentence	Simple	Compound	Complex
1. You may be strong, but I am fast.			
2. I do not own a three-legged mongoose.			
3. Pick a peck of pickled peppers before Peter pops past Paul.			
4. Mr. Berry ate jam on his crackers.			
5. Mom wants you to get anchovies, onions, and garlic.			
6. Although it was very cold, we dove into the water.			
7. Winky is baking the pizza and I am making the salad.			
8. Clean your room or else.			
9. We can finish everything now or we can wait until summer.			
10. Whenever I see Grandma, I jump for joy.			
11. After you stop making that silly face, please get serious.			
12. I didn't finish my homework because I was abducted by aliens.			
13. Mary had a little lamb and three man-eating squirrels.			
14. You might think it's funny, but I've got a surprise for you.			
15. I need some privacy, so I'm going under my bed.			
16. We can't sing because it is noisy.			
17. We can't sing because of the noise.			
18. We can't sing for it is noisy.			
19. While we sing, please don't be noisy.			
20. It is so quiet and peaceful.			