

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

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| The bug hides between the leaves | <u>independent</u> |
| 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 | _____ |