

Complex sentences

- While a simple sentence contains just one clause, complex sentences contain at least one main clause and then one, two, or several subordinate clauses.

Simple sentence: *It's the product of the future.*

Complex sentence:

(Add a participle clause) ***Outselling all others, it's the product of the future.***

(Add a relative clause) ***Outselling all others, it's the product of the future (that) we've all dreamed about.***

- The subordinate clause gives more information about the main clause. Subordinate clauses can be participle clause, relative clauses, and clauses starting with a linker (**because, as, and**, etc.).

- Coordinating conjunctions (*and, so, but*, etc.) can be used to add additional main clauses.

*Outselling all others, it's the product of the future (that) we've all dreamed about, **and** we think it will only get better in the future.*

Work with a partner. Look at this sentence from the article on page 73.

How many clauses does it contain? Are the clauses ...

- a** main clauses?
- b** subordinate clauses?

Because you will command your phone by voice, / you will receive immediate feedback from an AI-powered virtual assistant, / and you will never be disconnected, / making any interaction instant and constant.

Break the sentence down into simple one-clause sentences.

- a** You will be able to command ____.
- b** You will be able to receive ____.
- c** You will never ____.
- d** You can make instant and ____.

Compare the original sentence in Exercise 1 with the shorter sentences.

Circle any differences in the longer sentence and find examples of ...

- a** use of linkers.
- b** dropping subject pronouns and auxiliaries.
- c** use of participle clauses.

Put the words in the correct order to form complex sentences, then underline the main clauses.

a when I can't find them / and generating voice directions, / where I've left them.
/ I'd love to have a device that locates my car keys / to let me know / by sending
a signal to my GPS

b constantly making recommendations / or searching for information, / and
generally interfering in my life. / I would not want technology / to be implanted in
my brain / without my asking

c A virtual assistant will be a great way / as I am often on the road / to have
constant access to my contacts / without having to actually grab my phone / and
don't always have time to stop my car.

**Combine the three simple sentences to make one complex sentence. Use
the words in parentheses. Do not reuse the words that are crossed out.**

a I needed a new phone. Someone had stolen mine. I went to the mall to buy a
new one. (needing, because)

b I thought about it for some time. I decided it was too expensive. I bought a
simpler model. (having, so)

c I thought about it again. I realized I just needed a straightforward phone. I use
my phone to make calls and send text messages. (thinking, I use)

d I'm happy with my purchase. It's smaller and lighter. It looks really good!
(because, being, it's)