

## 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)