

## Complex Sentence

- Contains an independent clause and a dependent clause.
- The dependent clause begins with a subordinating conjunction.



Example: Because the boys went to the park, they did not go to the zoo.

The boys did not go to the zoo because they went to the park.

**Tip:** Look for these subordinating conjunctions: *after, before, because, although, when, since, if, whenever, unless, while, so that, even though.*

### Directions:

- Review the following **complex sentences**.
- Decide if the sentence has correct **comma usage** or not. Write "**yes**" if the sentence is **correct**.
- Write "**no**" if the sentence is **incorrect**.

1. When I study literature, I look for themes in the story.
2. Identifying themes in literature is helpful if you want to deepen your comprehension of a text.
3. Because figurative language is indirect description, readers have to infer the meaning.
4. Readers have to infer the meaning of figurative language, because it is indirect.
5. When you analyze a character in a story you should look for clues about their personality and motives.
6. When you interpret a metaphor, you have to think about what is being compared.
7. If you want to deepen your understanding of literature, pay attention to language and description.
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9. When you read literary texts on a test like the GED think about the strategies we learned in class.

