

Complex Sentences with Subordinate Clauses

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Remember: A complex sentence contains a main clause and a subordinate clause joined by a subordinating conjunction (because, although, when, if, since, while, after, before, unless, until, wherever).

Part A: Combine the Simple Sentences

Join each pair of simple sentences using the subordinating conjunction in brackets. Write your complex sentence on the line provided.

1. The rain stopped. We went outside to play. **(after)**

2. Tom studied hard. He wanted to pass his test. **(because)**

3. She was tired. She finished all her homework. **(although)**

4. You eat your vegetables. You can have dessert. **(if)**

5. We arrived at the beach. The sun was setting. **(when)**

Part B: Choose Your Own Conjunction

Combine these sentences using an appropriate subordinating conjunction of your choice.

6. The dog barked loudly. A stranger walked past the house.

7. I will go to the park. It doesn't rain.

8. My brother loves swimming. He goes to the pool every day.

Part C: Identify the Subordinate Clause

Underline the subordinate clause in each complex sentence below.

9. Although it was cold, we decided to go for a walk.
10. The children played quietly while their mother was on the phone.
11. We'll have a picnic tomorrow unless the weather turns bad.
12. Before the bell rang, the students packed up their books.