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Wow, so that's how two sentences become one sentence! Wait till I tell my mom!



# Compound Sentences

A **compound sentence** is made up of **two** (or more) simple sentences connected by a **coordinating conjunction**.



Another name for simple sentence is **independent clause**.

A **coordinating conjunction** connects words, phrases, and clauses. Here's a list of these important words: **and, or, nor, but, yet, for, so**.

My friend is a great musician. She loves to practice.  
**becomes**  
 My friend is a great musician, **and** she loves to practice.

**Building Compound Sentences**

Build your sentences using the Coordinating Conjunctions and Independent Clauses below. Add or change punctuation as necessary.

1st Independent Clause	Coordinating Conjunction	2nd Independent Clause
1. I made some spaghetti		
2. We can swim across the Atlantic		
3. It wasn't moving		
4. Finish your homework		
5. Shelly is fun to be around		
6. I put my tongue on the frozen pole		
7. He huffed and he puffed		
8. I won't bark like a dog		

## Coordinating Conjunctions

and	or
for	or
but	so
yet	so

## Independent Clauses

Homer ate it.	he blew the house down.
it got stuck there.	it glowed in the dark.
you can stay in your room all night.	we can climb Mount Everest.
I'll cluck like a chicken.	she tells good jokes.

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# Let's Make A Smoothie!

Smooth out your writing skills when you blend two or three sentences into one. Here's how!

### Throw these two sentences into the blender!

It began to rain. Some kids ran for cover.

### Blended, they are one. . .

When it began to rain, some kids ran for cover.

### Throw these three sentences into the blender!

Winnfield is my brother. He is older than me.

He is the strongest dude I know.

### Blended, they are one. . .

Winnfield, my older brother, is the strongest dude I know.

Below are sets of two or three sentences before they are blended. Create the Smoothie version for each set. Just fill in the blanks.

- 1 Penguins can't fly. They can swim.

Smoothie Version: Penguins \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Julia can blow bubbles. She can sing at the same time.

Smoothie Version: \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_ and sing \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Jody soared over the waves. She soared gracefully. She soared effortlessly.

Smoothie Version: Gracefully and \_\_\_\_\_, Jody \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Patti is a great performer. She sang on top of Mount Everest.

Smoothie Version: \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, sang on \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 Antonio painted pictures all night. Music inspired him.

Smoothie Version: While \_\_\_\_\_ him, \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 Biff is only nine. He rode the Wild Vortex. He screamed and yelled all the way.

Smoothie Version: \_\_\_\_\_, Biff \_\_\_\_\_, screaming \_\_\_\_\_

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# Complex Sentences

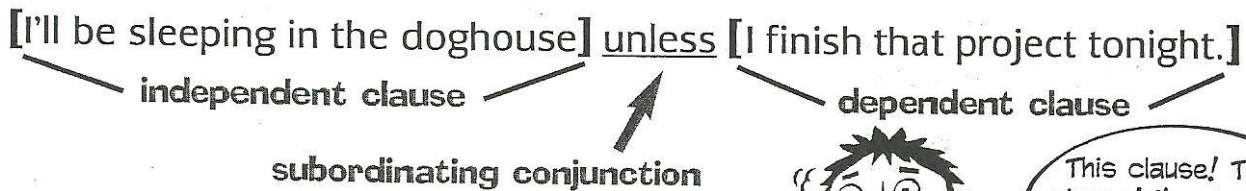
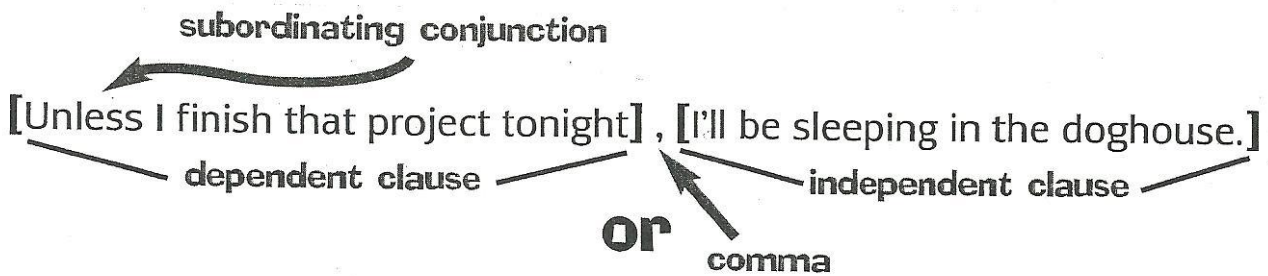
A complex sentence is made up of one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.

## It's not really that complicated!

Just like a compound sentence, a **complex sentence** is made up of two or more clauses. BUT in a **complex sentence**, one of the clauses begins with a **subordinating conjunction**.

A **subordinating conjunction** links an **independent clause** (can stand alone) with a **dependent clause** (cannot stand alone). It can appear at the beginning or middle of a sentence.

If the first clause in the sentence is dependent, a comma usually separates the two clauses.



## Some Subordinating Conjunctions

after	since	whenever	before	when
because	until	although	unless	while



Complete the sentences.

- Compound and complex sentences are made up of two or more \_\_\_\_\_.
- A compound sentence uses \_\_\_\_\_ conjunctions.
- A complex sentence uses \_\_\_\_\_ conjunctions.
- An \_\_\_\_\_ clause can be a sentence.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ clause cannot be a sentence.
- Use a \_\_\_\_\_ to connect a dependent clause and an independent clause.



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Create complex sentences below using an independent clause and a dependent clause. Underline the subordinating conjunction. A don't forget the punctuation!

### Subordinating Conjunction Bank

after	since	whenever	before	when
because	until	although	unless	while

### Independent and Dependent Clauses

no one fell asleep	he jumped out of a giant cake
you won't start coming down	it is dangerous
before you go to Antarctica	she hides in her basement
after three weeks of camping	whenever we get together
we have a great time	since Melba won the lottery
until you jump up	I will sing songs of love
you should get an extra pair of socks	I looked like Bigfoot
because you spoke so loudly	unless you like exotic fruit
while I skip through the tulips	please return the papaya sticks
when Churchill had his party	although biking without a helmet may look cool

### Complex Sentence Grandstand

① Although biking without a helmet may look cool, it is dangerous.

② \_\_\_\_\_

③ \_\_\_\_\_

④ \_\_\_\_\_

⑤ \_\_\_\_\_

⑥ \_\_\_\_\_

⑦ \_\_\_\_\_

⑧ \_\_\_\_\_

⑨ \_\_\_\_\_

⑩ \_\_\_\_\_