

Complex Sentences

✚ A complex sentence is a sentence that contains one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses. An independent clause is a group of words that can stand alone as a sentence, while a dependent clause cannot stand alone as a sentence and depends on the independent clause to make sense.

✚ In a complex sentence, the dependent clause is connected to the independent clause by a subordinating conjunction such as **"although," "because," "since," "if," "when," "while," or "until."** Here are some examples:

- Although he studied hard, he failed the test. (dependent clause: Although he studied hard)
- She went to bed early because she was tired. (dependent clause: because she was tired)
- Since it's raining, we should stay inside. (dependent clause: Since it's raining)
- If you finish your homework, you can watch TV. (dependent clause: If you finish your homework)
- When I saw him, he was eating a sandwich. (dependent clause: When I saw him)
- While she was cooking dinner, he was watching TV. (dependent clause: While she was cooking dinner)
- Until you apologize, I won't forgive you. (dependent clause: Until you apologize)

✚ Complex sentences can be used to add variety and complexity to your writing. They are useful for expressing relationships between ideas, such as cause and effect, contrast, or time sequence. When using complex sentences, it's important to make sure that the dependent clause is connected to the independent clause in a logical and clear way.

✚ It's also important to use correct punctuation when writing complex sentences. When the dependent clause comes before the independent clause, it should be followed by a comma. For example: "Although it was cold outside, we decided to go for a walk." When the independent clause comes before the dependent clause, there is no need for a comma. For example: "We decided to go for a walk although it was cold outside."