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EXPANDING SENTENCES: *Let's Get Complex!*

Great writers expand their sentences in order to include details and a variety of sentence types.

A complex sentence has at least one independent clause and one dependent clause.

A subordinating conjunction connects an independent clause and a dependent clause. It helps make a complex sentence smooth.

Example: *When the timer goes off, the muffins are done.*

- Independent clause: *The muffins are done.*
- Dependent clause: *When the timer goes off,*
- Subordinating Conjunction: *When*

DIRECTIONS: Expand the simple sentences into complex sentences. Use the subordinating conjunction in parenthesis. Write your new sentence on the lines below. An example has been done for you.

1. The doctor walked quickly. (because)

2. I scored a 100 on my test. (even though)

3. He swam in the pool. (until)

4. The sky was bright blue. (after)

5. The woman sat down. (where)

6. I will be there on time. (unless)

7. The team will get a trophy. (if)

8. The baby will fall asleep. (when)
