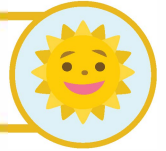




# Practicing Complex Sentences



A **complex sentence** includes a complete sentence (sometimes known as an **independent clause**) and a connected idea that cannot stand on its own (sometimes known as a **dependent clause**.)

**Dependent clauses** can often begin with **subordinate conjunctions** like the following:

Common Subordinate Conjunctions:	Dependent Clause Examples:
After...      As though...      Even though... Although...      Because...      Every time... As far as...      Before...      If... As if...      By the time....      In case.... As long as...      Considering..... As soon as...      Even if...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the party,</li> <li>• As long as you're standing there,</li> <li>• Because it's my birthday,</li> <li>• Even though I've just arrived,</li> <li>• Every time I walk upstairs,</li> <li>• If anyone comes over,</li> </ul>

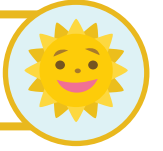
**Independent Clauses** are known as complete sentences, containing a subject and a predicate. Like these:

Complete Sentences Subject:	+ Predicate:
I We Who They	went to the game. thought it was fantastic! won at the last minute? played really well.

Complex Sentences Dependent Clause:	+ Independent Clause:
After the party, As long as you're standing there, Because it's my birthday,	everyone went home. you might as well take my coat. I'll have a piece of chocolate cake.



# Practicing Complex Sentences



**Try This:** Using the information above and your imagination, write 10 complex sentences on the lines below.

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