

# Understanding How Dependent and Independent Clauses

## Work Together to Make Complex Sentences

As you get to be an older, more sophisticated writer, you learn to combine two thoughts into one sentence. Sometimes this is done by adding a descriptive phrase (dependent clause) onto an already complete sentence (independent clause). Match the dependent clauses with the independent clauses to make a complex sentence that makes sense.

<b>Dependent Clauses (start with subordinating conjunction)</b>	<b>Independent Clauses</b>
After I get home from school	I have a whole sketchbook full of creations.
Because I love to draw	I will try the pasta salad with red sauce.
Now that I'm in 3rd grade	I will dab for the cameras.
After I score the winning goal	I will have a snack and do my homework.
Although I don't like tomatoes	I can write more complex sentences.

<b>Independent Clauses</b>	<b>Dependent Clauses (start with subordinating conjunction)</b>
I fell in love	even though my actual birthday is Monday.
My party is on Saturday	until I run out of oxygen.
I will share my lunch with you	unless I have to do my homework
I will hold my breath underwater	as soon as I saw my new bike.
I will be able to help you with dinner	since you shared yours with me yesterday.

