Sentence Patterns Part 2 College Readiness Initiative



In this tutorial, you will learn about Complex And Compound-Complex Sentences

Complex Sentences

• A complex sentence is a sentence with an independent clause and at least one dependent clause. The dependent clause is introduced by either a subordinate conjunction (such as although, while, or because) or a relative pronoun (such as who or which).

• Simple

My friend invited me to a party. I do not want to go.

Compound

My friend invited me to a party, but I do not want to go.

Complex

Although my friend invited me to a party, I do not want to go.

Complex Sentences

• A complex sentence is very different from a simple sentence or a compound sentence because it makes clear which ideas are most important.

• Examples:

Although Tom reads novels, Jack reads comics.
 When he was younger, Mike had many dogs.

3.Many people enjoyed the movie; however, William did not.

Conjunctions & Pronouns

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS:

TIME CAUSE & EFFECT OPPOSITION

- after because
- before since
- when now that
- while as
- since in order that
- until so

although though even though whereas while

CONDITION

if unless only if whether or not even if in case (that)

RELATIVE PRONOUNS:

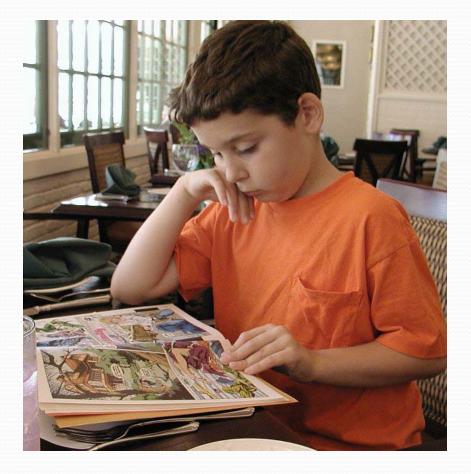
- who whoever that
- whom whomever
- which whichever

Complex Sentences Example 1



- 1. Although Tom reads novels, Jack reads comics.
- 2. When he was younger, Tom had many comics.
- 3. Many people enjoy reading; however, Jack does not.

Complex Sentences Practice 1



Now you write 5 complex sentences for the picture. Keep in mind that a complex sentence must include at least one dependent clause introduced by a subordinating conjunction or a relative pronoun and an independent clause.

Self-Check

- Does each sentence have an independent clause? Box it.
- 2. Does each sentence have at least one dependent clause introduced by a subordinating conjunction or a relative pronoun? Underline the dependent clause twice and place a triangle over the subordinating conjunction or relative pronoun.
- 3. Does each sentence start with a capital letter?
- 4. Does each sentence end with punctuation? Good Job!

Complex Sentences Examples & Practices

Below are additional examples and practices for simple sentences.

Complex Sentence-Dogs Playing Poker.doc

Complex Sentence-Modern Art.doc

Complex Sentence-Tomato Soup.doc

You have now completed the section on Complex Sentences. You will now begin the section on Compound-Complex Sentences.

Compound-Complex Sentences

A compound-complex sentence has one complex sentence joined to a simple sentence with a conjunction.

Example:

While Tom reads novels, Jack reads comics, but Sam only reads magazines.

Connectors for Compound-Complex Sentences

The complex and simple sentences may be joined by a coordinating conjunction(FANBOYS) or conjunctive adverbs.

Examples of Conjunctive Adverbs:

furthermore, meanwhile, therefore, hence, moreover, thus, however, and nevertheless

Examples of Coordinating Conjunctions:

for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so.

Transitional Words or Phrases

Transitional words or phrases connect one idea to another.

- To Show Chronological Order afterward, again, also, as long as, as soon as, at last, before, besides, earlier, equally important, furthermore, meanwhile, moreover, simultaneously, soon, then, therefore, too, until, when
- To Indicate Spatial Order above, below, beyond, elsewhere, farther on, here, near, nearby
- **To Connect Examples or Show Emphasis** for example, for instance, in fact, of course, specifically, such as
- **To Compare and Contrast** in comparison, also, likewise, similarly, although, on the contrary, and yet, but, despite, even so, however, yet
- To Trace Cause and Effect because, consequently, otherwise, since, then, therefore
- **To Summarize** in short, in simpler terms, in summary, that is, to summarize

Compound-Complex Sentences Tips

Remember that a compound-complex sentence contains at least 2 complete sentences joined by a conjunction.
Remember that a compound-complex sentence also contains a dependent clause (or introductory clause).
Remember that the dependent clause must be introduced using a transitional word or phrase.

Compound-Complex Examples 1



- Although thought to be indestructible, the Twin Towers fell on Sept. 11, 2001, and that forever changed the NYC skyline.
- 2. The Twin Towers were destroyed by terrorists, who thought they could tear the US apart, but instead, this tragedy brought the US people together.

Compound-Complex Examples 1



- 3. Of all the tragedies the US has suffered, the 9/11 terrorist attack killed more individuals than Pearl Harbor; therefore, it is the most tragic lost in American history.
- 4. To this day, there is much controversy surrounding 9/11, and still, the American politicians swear they knew nothing prior to the attack.

Compound-Complex Practice 1



Using the picture of the Twin Towers tragedy, write 4 compoundcomplex sentences of your own. Remember to join the two independent clauses with a conjunction and to include a dependent

clause in your sentence.

Self-Check

- Does your sentence have at least 2 independent clauses? Underline them.
- 2. Are your sentences joined by a conjunction? Draw a box around it.
- 3. Does your sentence have a dependent clause? Circle it.
- 4. Does your dependent clause start with a transitional word or phrase? Draw a box around it.

Good Job!

Additional Compound-Complex Examples and Practices Below are additional examples and practices for simple

sentences.

<u>Compound-Complex Sentences-Stricken Child.docx</u>

<u>Compound-Complex Sentences-Starry Night.doc</u>

You have now completed the tutorial on Compound and Compound-Complex Sentences. Good Job!