Complex Sentence Notes

What is it?

- A complex sentence is made from an _______________ clause and a _______________ clause.
- An independent clause is a _____________________________.
- A dependent clause is an _____________________________.

Order of Clauses:

- The order of independent and dependent clauses in a complex sentence can vary.
  - I want to be a teacher when I grow up.
  - When I grow up, I want to be a teacher.

Subordinating Conjunctions:

- In a complex sentence, the __________________________ clause must begin with a word called a _______________ conjunction.
- Subordinating conjunctions are words used to ______________ dependent and independent clauses in a ______________ sentence.

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  o ____________ he won the race, he received a medal.
  o I like pickles ____________ they’re sour.
  o ____________ she jogs daily, she is in good shape.
  o I read my book ____________ I waited in line.

Commmas in Complex Sentences:
  • Use a _______________ when the subordinating conjunction comes at the _______________ of the sentence.

  • Examples:
    o ____________ he won the race he received a medal.
    o ____________ she jogs daily she is in good shape.
    o I like pickles _______________ they are sour.

    NO COMMA is needed because the subordinating conjunction (because) _______________ at the _______________ of the sentence.

    o I read my book _______________ I waited in line.

    NO COMMA is needed because the subordinating conjunction (while) _______________ at the _______________ of the sentence.
Complex Sentence Notes

What is it?

- A complex sentence is made from an independent clause and a dependent clause.
- An independent clause is a complete sentence.
- A dependent clause is an incomplete sentence.

Order of Clauses:

- The order of independent and dependent clauses in a complex sentence can vary.
  - I want to be a teacher when I grow up.
    - independent clause
    - dependent clause
  - When I grow up, I want to be a teacher.
    - dependent clause
    - independent clause

Subordinating Conjunctions:

- In a complex sentence, the dependent clause must begin with a word called a subordinating conjunction.
- Subordinating conjunctions are words used to combine dependent and independent clauses in a complex sentence.

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  o After he won the race, he received a medal.
  o I like pickles because they’re sour.
  o Since she jogs daily, she is in good shape.
  o I read my book while I waited in line.

**Commas in Complex Sentences:**

• Use a *comma* when the subordinating conjunction comes at the 
beginning of the sentence.

• Examples:
  o After he won the race, he received a medal.
  o Since she jogs daily, she is in good shape.
  o I like pickles because they are sour.

**NO COMMA is needed because the subordinating conjunction (because) is not used at the beginning of the sentence.**

  o I read my book while I waited in line.

**NO COMMA is needed because the subordinating conjunction (while) is not used at the beginning of the sentence.**