

Complex Sentences

A complex sentence is composed of one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses. If the subordinate clause comes before the main clause, use a comma to separate them.

EXAMPLE: I didn't know it was raining until I looked out the window.

Until I looked out the window, I didn't know it was raining.

Underline the subordinate clauses in each sentence below. Add a comma where necessary.

1. The Jones' never rake in the fall although their yard is full of trees.
2. When we finally got word they were okay we had already replaced them.
3. Chicken noodle soup is my go-to meal when I am sick.
4. Without acknowledging my mistake Mr. Tucker helped me.
5. Whenever I don't feel well I make fresh, green juice.



Now take each simple sentence below and turn it into a complex sentence by adding a subordinate clause. Write your new sentence on a separate sheet of paper. Punctuate correctly.

6. Tom ate a piece of cake.
7. Alicia had an accident.
8. The boys never behave.
9. The sun shone all day long.
10. Those men work together.