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:
  1. Although Tom reads novels, Jack reads comics.
  2. 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**  **CONDITION**
- after  because  although  if
- before  since  though  unless
- when  now that  even though  only if
- while  as  whereas  whether or not
- since  in order that  while  even if
- until  so  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

1. 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.
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.
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.
Using the picture of the Twin Towers tragedy, write 4 compound-complex 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

1. 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.

Compound-Complex Sentences-Stricken Child.docx

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