


Using Complex Sentences

based on pg. 540
of the “Inside”
textbook

NoteTaking...

- ▶ As readers and writers, it is important to know the proper rules of speech.
 - ▶ Many of us know about a few parts of speech, like nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.
 - ▶ Today, we are going to take note of a few other parts of speech.
 - ▶ Use your readers / writers notebook (class notebook) to record notes.
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Noun & Verb

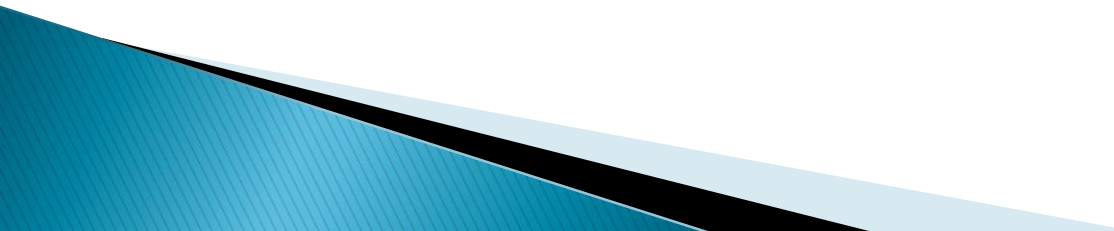
1. Noun: a person, place, thing, or idea

- ❖ Ex: boy, girl, apple, orange, house, job, car

2. Verb: shows action or state of being

- ❖ Ex: run, jump, eat, fall, kick, throw
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3. Sentence

- ▶ A sentence is a group of words that make sense as a complete thought.
 - ▶ A sentence always begins with a capital letter and ends with a punctuation mark.
 - ▶ A sentence always has a subject and a predicate.
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Subject & Predicate

4. Subject:

- ❖ The person or thing in a sentence that does an action.

5. Predicate /Verb:

- ❖ The part of the sentence that tells what action is happening.

Ex: **My father** **mailed the letter**

(subject)

(predicate)

6. Conjunction

▶ A conjunction works like glue, and joins words, phrases, and clauses together.

- ▶ after
- ▶ although
- ▶ and
- ▶ because
- ▶ before
- ▶ however
- ▶ or
- ▶ since
- ▶ so
- ▶ therefore
- ▶ until
- ▶ when

Definition

Examples

Clauses...

You need to record the definition for #7 and #8.

A **clause** has a **subject** and a **verb**.

7. An **independent clause** can stand alone as a sentence.

Ex: The girl runs fast.

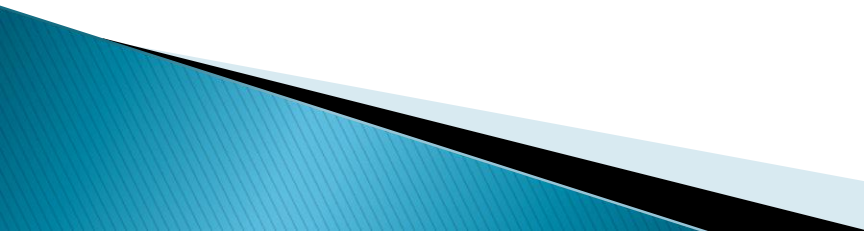
8. A **dependent clause** cannot stand alone because it begins with a **conjunction**.

Ex: because she wants to escape

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for more
information

"You can use a conjunction to link a dependent clause to an independent clause. The new sentence is complete, and it is called a complex sentence."

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9. Complex Sentence

- ▶ A complex sentence has one independent clause and one or more dependent clause.
- ▶ Example:
 - The girl runs fast because she wants to escape.