

Complex Sentences Sheet 1

A complex sentence is an independent clause joined with a dependent clause.

Conjunctions

while	after	though	when	whereas	as	unless
since	although	if	even though	where	until	wherever

1. Create a complex sentence by adding a dependent clause to the following independent clauses. Use a conjunction from the box above. The first one has been done.

The dog barks.

If you begin with a dependent clause, remember a comma!



Whenever the gate slams shut, the dog barks.

I turned eight.

He decided to go swimming.

Paula started to do her homework.

The man ate his dinner.

Don't run on the concrete.

2. Complex sentences can begin with the independent clause or the dependent clause. Choose two of your complex sentences and re-write them, changing the order of the clauses. Which sounds best?

For example: Whenever the gate slams shut, the dog barks.



The dog barks whenever the gate slams shut.