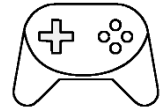


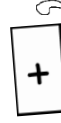
Complex Sentences

Sentence Structures



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

independent clause
subject and verb completed thought



dependent clause
not a completed thought

1. Add an **independent clause** to each **dependent clause**.

The first has been done.

Before he left the house, ...

Before he left the house, Cam tidied his room.

While Dad was working in the garage, ...

After we returned from the movies, ...

Until she apologises, ...

If I get a good report card, ...

Since it was school holidays, ...

So we wouldn't miss the race, ...

2. The independent clause or the dependent clause can go first. Rewrite a complex sentence with the clauses in a different order. Which way sounds best?

Whenever the gate slams shut, the dog barks.

dependent clause
not a completed thought



independent clause
subject and verb completed thought

The dog barks whenever the gate slams shut.

independent clause
subject and verb completed thought



dependent clause
not a completed thought

