

Complex Sentences Worksheet

What is a Complex Sentence?

A complex sentence is made up of an independent clause and one or more dependent clauses. An independent clause can be a sentence on its own. A dependent clause cannot be a sentence on its own, and it needs to connect to an independent clause.

Examples:

- I stayed home because it was raining.
- She smiled when she saw her friend.

Activity 1: Join the Sentences

Part A: Join the sentences below to make complex sentences. Use the words in brackets.

1. I didn't go swimming. It was too cold. (because)
2. She was happy. She passed the test. (when)
3. We stayed inside. It was raining. (since)
4. He ran quickly. He wanted to catch the bus. (because)
5. I read a book. I waited for my friend. (while)

Activity 2: Find the Dependent Clause

Part B: Circle the dependent clause in each sentence below.

1. I stayed up late because I was reading a good book.
2. She sings better when she is happy.
3. We had to leave early since it was getting dark.
4. He wears a hat whenever he goes outside.
5. They finished their homework before they watched TV.

Activity 3: Write Your Own Sentences

Part C: Write your own complex sentences using the words below:

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- because
- when
- although
- if
- since

Example: I wore my raincoat because it was raining.