







A **complex sentence** contains one independent clause and one (or more) dependent clause(s). In a complex sentence, one idea is generally more important than the other. We place the more important idea in the independent clause and the less important idea in the dependent clause.

There are three kinds of dependent clauses: adverb, adjective, and noun. You will study all of these kinds of clauses in greater detail in Chapters 12, 13, and 14.

Complex Sentences with Adverb Clauses

An adverb clause acts like an adverb; that is, it tells where, when, why, and how. An adverb clause begins with a subordinator, such as *when, while, because, although, if, so*, or *that.* It can come before or after an independent clause.

Although women in the United States could own property, they could not vote until 1920.

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE ______ DEPENDENT ADVERB CLAUSE ______

A citizen can vote in the United States when he or she is 18 years old.

Complex Sentences with Adjective Clauses

An adjective clause acts like an adjective; that is, it describes a noun or pronoun. An adjective clause begins with a relative pronoun, such as *who*, *whom*, *which*, *whose*, or *that*, or with a relative adverb, such as *where* or *when*. It follows the noun or pronoun it describes.

ADJECTIVE CLAUSE

Men who are not married are called bachelors.

Last year we vacationed in Cozumel, which features excellent scuba diving.

Complex Sentences with Noun Clauses

A noun clause begins with a *wh*- question word, *that, whether*, and sometimes *if*. A noun clause acts like a noun; it can be either the subject or an object of the independent clause.

That there is a hole in the ozone layer of Earth's atmosphere is well known.

Scientists know what caused it.

In the first example, *That there is a hole in the ozone layer of Earth's atmosphere* is the subject of the verb *is*. In the second example, *what caused it* is the object of the verb *know*.

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	To add a similar, equal idea
also besides furthermore in addition moreover	Community colleges offer preparation for many occupations; also/besides/furthermore/ in addition/moreover, they prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university.
as well	Community colleges offer preparation for many occupations; they prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university as well .
too	Community colleges offer preparation for many occupations; they prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university, too .
	To add an unexpected or surprising continuation
however nevertheless nonetheless still	The cost of attending a community college is low; however/nevertheless/nonetheless/still, many students need financial aid.
and an or	To add a complete contrast
on the other hand in contrast	Tuition at a community college is low; on the other hand/in contrast, tuition at private schools is high.
in the second	To give an alternative possibility
otherwise	Students must take final exams; otherwise, they will receive a grade of Incomplete.
	To add an expected result
accordingly as a result consequently hence therefore thus	Native and nonnative English speakers have different needs; accordingly/as a result/ consequently/hence/therefore/thus, most schools provide separate English classes for each group.
pad dil autom	To add an example
for example for instance	Most colleges now have a writing requirement for graduation; for example/for instance, students at my college must pass a writing test before they register for their final semester.

Relationship	Т	ransition
Addition	Moreover Furthermore In addition besides	
Contrast	However In contrast	On the contrary On the other hand
Result or Effect	Consequently Thus Therefore	Accordingly Hence As a result
Reinforcement/Emphasis	Indeed In fact	

Relationship	Transition
Exemplification	For example For instance In particular
Time	Meanwhile (at the same time) Subsequently (after) Thereafter (after)
Reinforcement/Emphasis	Indeed In fact
Exemplification	For example For instance In particular

Complex Sentences Step 2 Ordermite the dependent clauses.	nt clause with a broken line. One sentence has
Step 3 Write Sub. above the su	bordinator. Refer to the list of subordinators on
page 163.	
The first one has been done for	you as an example.
Sub.	
1. Because the cost of education is rising, m	nany students must work part-time.
2. When students from other countries com	e to the United States, they often
suffer from culture shock.	
3. Because financial aid is difficult to obtain	n, many students have to work
part-time.	
4. Please tell me where the student union is	
5. Engineers, who have an aptitude for draft artistic and imaginative.	ung and mechanics, must also be
6. While the contractor follows the blueprin	t the engineer checks the
construction in progress.	in, the engineer checks the
 Since the blueprint presents the details of 	f the engineer's plans it must be
interpreted accurately by the contractor.	and engineer o plano, it must be
8. Students should declare a major by their	junior year unless they have not
made up their minds.	
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- Step 1 Underline the independent clauses with a solid line and the dependent clauses with a broken line.
- Step 2 Add commas and/or semicolons as necessary.
- Information and communication technology is reaching out to help people in the poorest countries improve their lives for example fishermen on the Bay of Bengal can now receive online weather reports that tell them when it is safe to go out.
- 2. Furthermore, when the fishermen bring in a boatload of fish they can find out the current market prices for their fish, which will help them bargain with the middlemen to whom they sell their catch.
- 3. The cost of the cheapest computer is at least \$200 and since this is more than an individual fisherman can afford several fishing villages together can pool their money and buy one to share.
- 4. The worldwide reach of the Internet is also providing employment opportunities in developing countries and as greater numbers of people learn the technology these opportunities will expand.
- 5. When you call your U.S. bank you may find yourself speaking to a customer service representative who is sitting in the Philippines or Puerto Rico and when you need technical support for your home computer you will probably get help from a programmer in New Delhi.