

Quarter 2 Grammar Study Guide

Writers make their work more interesting by using a variety of sentence structures. We review/learned about 3 types of sentences in this unit.

- Simple Sentences - have a subject and predicate and express a complete thought.
Example: I like classical music.
- Compound Sentences - connect 2 simple sentences using a conjunction and a comma.
Example: I like classical music, but I like rap too!
- Complex Sentences – includes a dependent clause and an independent clause. A comma used when the dependent clause comes first in the sentence.
Example: Although I like classical music, I like rap too.

More about complex sentences...

- Clause – a group of related words with a subject and predicate.
- Independent Clause – include a subject, predicate, and expresses a complete thought.
Simple sentences are also called independent clauses!
Example: I like classical music.
- Dependent Clause – includes a subject and predicate, but does not express a complete thought.
Examples:
Although I like classical music, ...
Whenever we go for a walk, ...
... while my brother opened the door.
... until I could finish reading.

- Subordinating Conjunctions – dependent clauses begin with subordinating conjunctions. (Look at the underlined words in the examples above.)

More examples:

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| after | once | until |
| although | provided that | when |
| as | rather than | whenever |
| because | since | where |
| before | so that | whereas |
| even if | than | wherever |
| even though | that | whether |
| if | though | while |
| in order that | unless | why |

- Commas in complex sentences
 - If the dependent clause comes 1st, a comma is used after it.
 - If the dependent clause comes 2nd, no comma is necessary.

Examples:

After we went to the movies, I decided that I should write my own screenplay.

I want to write about the undersea city of Atlantis even if it's a challenge.

Links to review videos:

Independent vs. Dependent Clauses: <http://viewpure.com/hTZ0Ijf0jwU>

Simple, Compound, & Complex Sentences: <http://viewpure.com/DvhC0eSlb3g>