

Check for Understanding

Complex and Compound Sentences

Focusing primarily on COMPLEX sentences

- ① **FIRST WHY IS IT important to be able to write compound and complex sentences?**

- Creates more **sentence fluency** and **variety**
- A big part of the **ACT**
- Required on **ALL papers** in this class
- Demonstrates **connections between ideas** (since they use words like because, since, although, even though)
- Makes you a **better writer**

FIRST you need to understand dependent and independent clauses

- **Dependent Clauses** (otherwise known as subordinate clauses) can **NOT** stand by themselves
- Think a baby is **DEPENDENT** and can **NOT** stand on its own.
- **Independent Clauses** **can** stand by themselves
- Think when you are **INDEPENDENT**, you **CAN** stand on your own.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING:

Another name for a **dependent** clause would be

- 1) Fragment
- 2) Sentence

ANSWER:

Dependent Clauses are

#1 FRAGMENTS

Example:
since I am getting my license
soon

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING:

Another name for an independent clause would be:

- 1) Fragment
- 2) Sentence

ANSWER

Independent Clauses are:

- #2 SENTENCES
- Example:
- I am getting a job.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING:

Because I love sports
is a:

- ◉ 1) Dependent clause
- ◉ 2) Independent clause

ANSWER:

Because I love sports is a

- #1 Dependent Clause (fragment)
- It can NOT stand on its own

Compound Sentences

- Join **TWO independent** Clauses w/ a COORDINATING CONJUNCTION – comma is always needed for compound sentences
- FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but, or yet)
- I love to play sports, but I did not go out for basketball this year.

Complex Sentence are a bit more tricky

- ◉ Joins an **INDEPENDENT** clause and a **DEPENDENT CLAUSE**
- ◉ If the dependent clause comes **first**, you **need** a comma.
- ◉ If the dependent clause comes **second**, you do **NOT** need a comma.

REVIEW:

- ① Because I am getting my license, I am getting a job soon. (complex)
- ② I am getting a job soon because I am getting my license. (complex)
- ③ I am getting my license, and I am getting a job soon. (compound sentence)

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING:

- Since I am graduating next year, I need to visit college campuses.
- I need to visit college campuses since I am graduating next year.
- Are they both correct?

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING:

- ⦿ YES
- ⦿ They are BOTH correct!

CHECK for UNDERANDING

- Even though my brother and I fought, he taught me a lot.
- 1) Correct As Is
- 2) Run on
- 3) Delete the Comma

ANSWER:

- ① **1) CORRECT AS IS**

- ② Even though my brother and I fought, he taught me a lot.

- ③ Dependent clause followed by an independent clause

- ④ When the dependent clause comes first, you need the comma

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING:

- Even though I have several pets I still want another cat.
- 1) Correct As Is
- 2) Add a Comma
- 3) Run on

ANSWER:

- **#2) ADD A COMMA**

- Even though I have several pets, I still want another cat.

- Comma needed after the dependent clause

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING:

- I am going to become an engineer because I am a strong math student.
- 1) Correct as is
- 2) Add a Comma
- 3) Run On

ANSWER:

- **#1) CORRECT AS IS**

- I am going to become an engineer because I am a strong math student.

- NO comma needed when the dependent clause comes second

NEED more PRACTICE?

- **ONLINE** games and interactive review on my web page
- Click on **Grammar** and **Complex Sentences**
- **EVERY** paper requires an underlined complex sentence!
- This concept is **tested** throughout the year as well.

EXIT TICKET:

- WRITE a complex sentence that STARTS w/ a dependent clause.
- HINT you will want to START w/ a SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION (i.e. because, since, even though, although)
- Be sure to use a subordinating conjunction and NOT a transition word