

By using compound sentences students just need to add a comma and conjunction and they don't generally change the words at all. They are just pasting two sentences together w/ a comma and conjunction. It takes less time and talent. These sentences can often be longer and more redundant. I enjoy swimming in the summer, and I love to ski in the winter. (much wordier than needed and a bit choppy) Complex sentences help vary sentence structure and help writing flow more. Because.... Although..... Instead of always starting out with a noun.

Complex sentences indicate a difference in relative value between ideas--that is, complex sentence structures indicate that within that sentence the idea and information in the **dependent clause** is less important, has less value, than the idea and information in the **independent clause**.

Thus,

Although the companions found the wizard, he was just a man.

also asks the reader to contrast the fact that the "companions found the wizard" with the fact that "he was just a man." But this sentence asks the reader to understand that finding the wizard is less important than the fact that "he was just a man."

Skillful writers can not only help the reader understand how the ideas of the text are related but can also subtly influence how a reader values those ideas.

Since my horse is short legged, we can't run the Kentucky derby next year.
Because I feed the barn cats at the back door, they've been pooping in my flower bed!
Even though Jenna is only 14 months old, she loves talking on a cell phone.

Seymour is the home of the hamburger.
It is how it's famous.

Seymour, the home of the hamburger, is how it's famous.

Black Creek is a very historical town.
It once had a huge dance hall.

Black Creek, once with dance hall, is a very historical town.
Black Creek, a very historical town, once had a dance hall.