

Sentences and Clauses

Independent Clauses	Dependent Clauses
<p>Clauses that are complete, can stand alone, and have a subject/verb.</p> <p>For example: The students learned about Shakespeare yesterday.</p> <p>1 Independent Clause is 1 Simple Sentence.</p>	<p>1. Independent clause that need additional information.</p> <p>2. These clauses usually start with a subordinate conjunction.</p> <p>For example: Even though it was late, the students decided to stay and study.</p> <p>Other Subordinate Conjunctions include after, although, if, even, if as, although, even, though . . .</p>

COMPOUND SENTENCE/PUNCTUATION

- 1. A sentence with several independent clauses.**

For example: The clown frightened the little girl, and she ran off screaming.

- 2. Use Coordinate Conjunctions to connect independent clauses.**

For, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

- 3. Always use a comma before the Coordinating Conjunction if you are connecting independent clauses.**

For example: The Freedom Riders departed on May 4, 1961, and they were determined to travel through many southern states.

Exercise: PLACE THE COMMAS

1. Although I felt he was wrong I decided to trust him.
2. Sharon started looking for a new job even though she was currently employed.
3. Though I couldn't understand a word we had a great time!
4. Since you need some help I'll come over this afternoon.

COMPLEX SENTENCES/PUNCTUATION

- 1. A sentence that includes one independent and at least one dependent clause.**

For example: They went for a walk even though it was raining.

- 2. One of the clauses usually starts with subordinate conjunction indicating the subordinate clause.**

For example: after, although, as, because, before, even if, even though, if, in, order, rather than, since, so that, than, that, though, unless, until, when, whenever, where, whereas, wherever, whether, while

- 3. If you start the sentence with the subordinate clause, use a comma to separate it from the Independent Clause.**

For example: Even though it was raining they went for a walk.