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Complex Sentence Notes

What is it?

- A complex sentence is made from an _____ clause and a _____ clause.
- An independent clause is a _____.
- A dependent clause is an _____.

Order of Clauses:

- The order of independent and dependent clauses in a complex sentence can vary.

○ *I want to be a teacher*

when I grow up.

○ *When I grow up,*

I want to be a teacher.

Subordinating Conjunctions:

- In a complex sentence, the _____ clause must begin with a word called a _____ conjunction.
- Subordinating conjunctions are words used to _____ dependent and independent clauses in a _____ sentence.

After	Until
	Unless
While	
	Wherever
When	
As	Even if
	In order to
Although	Now that
Even though	Whether
Rather than	

- Examples:
 - _____ he won the race, he received a medal.
 - I like pickles _____ they're sour.
 - _____ she jogs daily, she is in good shape.
 - I read my book _____ I waited in line.

Commas in Complex Sentences:

- Use a _____ when the subordinating conjunction comes at the _____ of the sentence.

- Examples:
 - _____ he won the race he received a medal.
 - _____ she jogs daily she is in good shape.
 - I like pickles _____ they are sour.

NO COMMA is needed because the subordinating conjunction (because) _____
at the _____ of the sentence.

- I read my book _____ I waited in line.

NO COMMA is needed because the subordinating conjunction (while) _____
at the _____ of the sentence.

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Complex Sentence Notes

What is it?

- A complex sentence is made from an independent clause and a dependent clause.
- An independent clause is a complete sentence.
- A dependent clause is an incomplete sentence.

Order of Clauses:

- The order of independent and dependent clauses in a complex sentence can vary.
 - *I want to be a teacher* *when I grow up.*
independent clause dependent clause
 - *When I grow up,* *I want to be a teacher.*
dependent clause independent clause

Subordinating Conjunctions:

- In a complex sentence, the dependent clause must begin with a word called a subordinating conjunction.
- Subordinating conjunctions are words used to combine dependent and independent clauses in a complex sentence.

After	Until
<u>Before</u>	Unless
While	<u>Whenever</u>
<u>If</u>	Wherever
When	<u>Since</u>
As	Even if
<u>Because</u>	In order to
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- Examples:
 - After he won the race, he received a medal.
 - I like pickles because they're sour.
 - Since she jogs daily, she is in good shape.
 - I read my book while I waited in line.

Commas in Complex Sentences:

- Use a comma when the subordinating conjunction comes at the beginning of the sentence.
- Examples:
 - After he won the race, he received a medal.
 - Since she jogs daily, she is in good shape.
 - I like pickles because they are sour.

NO COMMA is needed because the subordinating conjunction (because) is not used at the beginning of the sentence.

- I read my book while I waited in line.

NO COMMA is needed because the subordinating conjunction (while) is not used at the beginning of the sentence.