

How do I identify complex sentences?

What is a complex sentence?

What is the difference between an independent (main) clause and a dependent (subordinate) clause?

ELA8C1. The student demonstrates understanding and control of the rules of the English language, realizing that usage involves the appropriate application of conventions and grammar in both written and spoken formats. The student

b. Uses simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences correctly, punctuates properly, and avoids fragments and run-ons.

d. Revises sentences by correcting errors in usage.

f. Analyzes the structure of a sentence (basic sentence parts).

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Write this sentence:

I enjoy taking long walks when spring has finally arrived.

1. Underline the main clause once.
2. Locate the other clause—the one that cannot stand alone as a sentence—and underline it twice.

Use page 507 to write your own definitions of the following terms:

1. independent (main) clause:
2. dependent (subordinate) clause:
3. complex sentence:

Identify the Main (Independent) Clause in each sentence by underlining it once. Underline the Subordinate (Dependent) clause twice.

- a) Many basketball fans visit Springfield, Massachusetts, which was the birthplace of basketball.
- b) Basketball has increased in popularity since it began in Springfield.
- c) Many people know that basketball is played by men and women.

Dependent (subordinate) clauses can function in three ways:

as adjectives

[that, which, who, whom, whose, whoever, what]

as adverbs

[after, although, as, because, before, if, since, than, though, unless, until, when, whenever, where, whereas, wherever]

as nouns

[how, however, that, what, whatever, where, whether, which, whichever, who, whoever, whom, whomever, whose, why, when]

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Complete Exercise 3 #1-5 on page 508.

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****Assessment: Writer's Choice Book p. 508, Exercise 3
#6-25 all.**

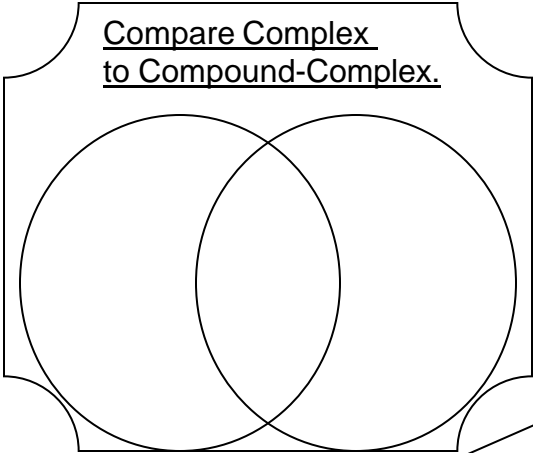
--Read each sentence.

--Write "Complex" if the sentence is complex.

--Write "Simple" if the sentence is simple.

What are sentences?

Give an example of a sentence?



<u>Type</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Example</u>
Simple		
Compound		
Complex		
Compound-Complex		

Sentence Variety

<u>What is a fragment?</u>	<u>How do you fix a fragment?</u>
<u>What is a Run-on?</u>	<u>How do you fix a Run-on?</u>

Vocabulary:

Independent, main, clause:

Example:

Dependent, subordinate, clause:

Example: