

Creating Complex Sentences

REMINDER:

A complex sentence = Main clause + Subordinate Clause

A Main clause will make sense on its own!

A subordinate clause will not make sense on its own!

TASK 1 – Copy these sentences into your book.

Underline the Main Clause in RED

Underline the subordinate clause in BLUE

Tip – Read the part of the sentence. Does it make sense if

You said that to a stranger?

If not, it might be a subordinate clause!

- a) Thinking carefully, I finished my maths homework.
- b) My mum put a plaster on my knee while trying not to hurt me.
- c) I'm having cereal for breakfast while the toaster is broken.
- d) Although I find complex sentences hard, I am trying my best.

TASK 2 – Can you use a subordinate conjunction to make these simple sentences into a complex sentence?

USE THESE SUB – CONJUNCTIONS (I SAW A WABUB)

After, although, because, before, as, even, if, since,
though, that, unless, until, when, whenever, where,
wherever, whether, which, while, who, why.

- e) I was eating my dinner.
- f) That light bulb needs changing.
- g) The old, dusty car crashed into a wall.
- h) My brother is the most annoying person in the world!