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Complex Sentences Worksheet

A simple sentence is a sentence with one subject and one predicate. Both the subject and the predicate of a simple sentence may be compound.

A complex sentence combines a dependent clause with an independent clause using a subordinator (such as before, so, but, and, since) or a relative pronoun (such as who, whom, that, which, what, etc.).

Activity 1: Identify the Simple Sentence and Complex Sentences.

Example:

I'm going to bed early. Simple

I'm going to bed early, because I'm tired. Complex

1. He likes to play football, but not hockey. _____
2. He like to play football. _____
3. While it is muddy, do not go there. _____
4. It is a rainy day. _____
5. After I finish eating, I did my homework. _____
6. I am lost. _____
7. I am not sure if she mailed the letter. _____
8. Jim crossed the road as the light turned red. _____
9. Jill washed the dishes. _____
10. When the cake is brown, take it out the oven. _____

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Activity 2: Identify the independent and dependent clause for the complex sentences below.

Example: Although it was Tuesday, we slept in until midday.

Subordinate clause

independent clause

1. Macaroni pie is best when it is served with callaloo.
2. Because Max is rich, he would not cook his own food.
3. When you hurry your homework, you will make mistakes.
4. When he was 5 years old, Ben enjoyed going to the park.
5. While you were eating, James left for school.