

## Complex Sentences

**Simple sentences** contain just **one clause**.

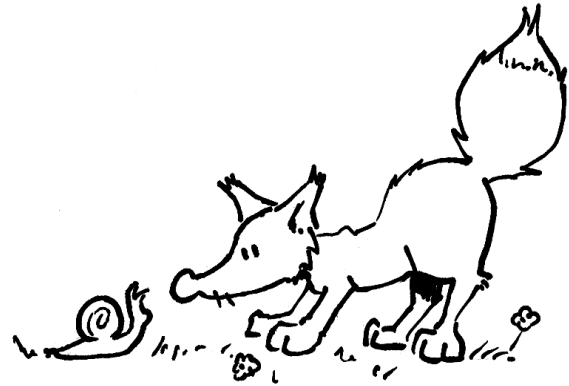
For example: The boy fell asleep.

**Complex sentences** contain a **main clause** and **another** which is not so important and adds extra information. **This extra clause**, or the **subordinate clause** as it is called, does not make sense by itself. For example: **The boy fell asleep as he was exhausted.**

### Task 1

*Highlight in colour the main clause in each of these sentences. Remember the main clause may not always be at the beginning of the sentence.*

1. Tom threw away the toy car, as it was broken.
2. As it was a rainy day, Sports' Day was cancelled.
3. Emma gave me an apple which was a lovely red rosy one.
4. We ran out into the garden when we saw the fox.
5. As it was the 20th of July, we set off on our holiday.
6. We went to visit Grandma, only to discover she was ill.
7. We ran to catch the bus, in case we missed it.
8. On opening the large envelope, I discovered a lovely birthday card.



### Task 2

*Join these sentences with a suitable connective. The first one has been done for you.*

1. We decided to go for a walk. It was raining.

*We decided to go for a walk though it was raining.*

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2. They enjoy swimming. They are good at it.
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3. Emma completed her homework. She gave it to Mr. Smith to mark.
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4. Fiona began piano practice at four. She practised until it was five o'clock.
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5. I can come to the party. I must not be late home.
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6. The rain storm began. Dad rushed into the garden to bring in the washing.
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### Task 3

*Now make up more sentences of your own. Ask a friend to join them into complex sentences.*