

Underline the subordinate clause in each sentence.

As fast as she could, Sally typed on her computer.

Because it was raining, the lady put up her umbrella.

The teacher, who was strict, made the class work in silence.

As Dr Doom and Professor Chaos plotted their next move, they rubbed their hands together.

At 9 O'clock in the evening, the party was in full swing.

Harry ran down the lane while laughing uncontrollably.

Add a main clause to these subordinate clauses

a) Whilst the sun was shining, _____

b) When he shouted, _____

c) _____ who had red lipstick, _____

Challenge: Create two complex sentences, making sure to include a subordinate clause, about this sentence. You could use some of the subordinating conjunctions above or research some subordinating conjunctions yourself!



A quick guide to subordinate clauses and complex sentences

A complex sentence is a sentence which includes a main clause and at least one subordinate clause.

A main clause is complete and makes sense on its own.

A subordinate clause begins with a subordinating conjunction or relative pronoun but cannot exist on its own.

Below shows how a compound sentence and complex sentence are structured. Remember, if a subordinate clause comes first in the sentence it will need a comma between the subordinate and main clauses.

