Lesson 25
Complex and Compound-Complex Sentences

A complex sentence contains a main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

**MAIN CLAUSE**
We ate popcorn

**SUBORDINATE CLAUSE**
while we watched the movie.

Do not be confused by the phrase we watched the movie, which is a complete sentence. The complete subordinate clause is while we watched the movie, which cannot stand alone as a sentence.

A compound-complex sentence has more than one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

**MAIN CLAUSE**
I was in the back yard

**SUBORDINATE CLAUSE**
when Tony called,

**MAIN CLAUSE**
and I didn’t hear the phone ring.

Identify the subjects and verbs in each of the following sentences. Then, Draw one line under the main clause and two lines under the subordinate clause. Write C in the blank if the sentence is complex and CC if it is compound-complex.

**C** Whenever I work at this computer, I get a stiff neck.

1. After I had searched everywhere, I found my ring, and I put it in my jewelry box.
2. Julia cooked the lasagna yesterday, because she wouldn’t have time today.
3. As long as you’re driving that way, could you stop at the post office for me?
4. While thinking of an answer, Jason stared at his feet.
5. Tillie paused for a moment when she reached the landing, and then she continued up the stairs.
6. Terese apologized because she had lost her temper.
7. I gave him a pen so that he could write down the phone number.
8. I wrote a letter to the owner because the restaurant was filthy, and I’m waiting for a reply.
9. She did not have the shoes that I wanted to buy; however, she is ordering them for me.
10. The kite didn’t fly because there wasn’t enough wind.
11. I met Dr. Wolfe while I was attending college, and now I work in her office.
12. Mary never called because she got home too late.
13. When the weather is hot, gardening can be drudgery.
14. He didn’t raise his voice, but we knew that he meant business, and we got back to work.
15. As long as you’re calling, ask her for the salsa recipe.
16. Lee is worried, and I agree that we should take the cat to the vet.
17. Because it was directed at toddlers, the program had to be brief.
18. As he described his trip to sunny Puerto Rico, the rain continued to fall.
19. Even though I was scheduled to leave early, I'll stay until closing, and then I'll make the bank deposit.
20. When small children need sleep, they become short-tempered.
21. My sister is moving because she got a new job.
22. Although I promised I'd be there, I couldn't make it because my car wouldn't start.
23. Even if you mail the card today, it won't arrive until after her birthday, and you will have to call anyway.
24. If this snow continues, school will be canceled, and we'll have to stay home.
25. The snack bar, which is open all year, is behind the boathouse.
26. Angela called while you were out, but she didn't leave a message.
27. Even though Carey is gone for the weekend, the cat sleeps on her bed, and the dog sleeps in her doorway.
28. Unless it rains, she will take her binoculars and go birdwatching.
29. Will the person who lost a pearl necklace please come to the front desk?
30. If you simply paint over them, the cracks will return, and you'll have to paint again.
Lesson 26
Adjective Clauses

When a subordinate clause modifies a noun or a pronoun, it is called an adjective clause. Often, adjective clauses begin with a relative pronoun. An adjective clause can also begin with where or when.

The banner that I made for your parents’ anniversary was ruined by the rain. (modifies the noun banner)

RELATIVE PRONOUNS
that whom whomever
which whose whatever
who whoever whatever

Exercise 1 Draw one line under each adjective clause and two lines under each word that introduces an adjective clause.

The pictures that I saw in the yearbook brought back many memories.
1. The dog that Peter owns is a well-trained golden retriever.
2. Tell everyone whose time is up to please move on to the next booth.
3. I don’t like standing in lines where there is no room to breathe.
4. The car, which was parked in the sun, became extremely hot.
5. I finally got to see the holography exhibit that you recommended.
6. Perry saw many desserts on the menu that sounded delicious.
7. There is no family whose reunions are more fun than ours.
8. For his research project, Kareem examined every sample that he could find.
9. Corky often visits the park where she saw the red fox.
10. The new movie, which was quite violent, contained some scenes that upset me.
11. Dave chose the T-shirts that had the college insignia on them.
12. The spot where we set up camp was twelve miles from the trailhead.
13. His vacation begins on the tenth, which is a Friday.
14. The car that my sister wants to buy has many extras.
15. The boy whom we met at the zoo is from Germany.
16. Will the person whose car is blocking the driveway please move it?
17. This is the intersection where the accident happened.
18. Francisco often visits the store that his grandfather owns.
19. Sam’s car, which is the same year as mine, is in better condition.
20. My sister sold lemonade to the people who came to the garage sale.
Lesson 27
Adverb Clauses

An adverb clause is a subordinate clause that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb. It is used to tell when, where, why, to what extent, or under what conditions. An adverb clause is usually introduced by a subordinating conjunction.

I’ll take a turn after Liana takes hers.

Exercise 1 Underline the adverb clause in each sentence.

Wild potatoes grew in South America for thousands of years before European explorers arrived.

1. Spanish explorers brought potatoes with them when they returned from the Americas in the 1500s.
2. Potatoes were initially shunned by Europeans because some closely related plants are poisonous.
3. Even though some people were skeptical at first, the potato became an important food crop worldwide.
4. Potatoes are very practical because yield per acre is high.
5. Provided that the growing season is long enough, two plantings per year are usually possible.
6. Potatoes grow in difficult locations where other food will not grow.
7. Potatoes can’t survive where the humidity is too high.
8. Because they are so hardy, potatoes have saved many lives.
9. Soldiers throughout history have been spared starvation when potatoes were available.
10. Few other crops can withstand the ravages of war as potatoes can.
11. Because they grow underground, potatoes can survive even fires.
12. The potato became the mainstay of the Irish diet until a blight destroyed the crop in 1845.
13. A million people died, and millions more fled Ireland so that they could live.
14. Potatoes were not an important crop in North America until great numbers of Irish immigrants began arriving in the mid-1800s.
15. As meat consumption increased, however, potatoes played a less important role in North American diets.
16. Because people mistakenly believed that potatoes were fattening, this nutritious food was once again avoided.

17. Potatoes are not fattening unless they are combined with high-fat ingredients.

18. When people hear the word *potatoes*, one of the first things that comes to mind is probably French fries.

19. Even though they are made of potatoes, French fries are not very nourishing.

20. Provided they are prepared the right way, potatoes can be a major component of a well-rounded diet.

21. So that potatoes’ nutritional virtues can be retained, low-fat cooking techniques should be employed.

22. If you use a little imagination, most potato dishes can be “lightened up.”

23. Although butter is the most popular dressing for baked potatoes, it is probably the most fattening.

24. Even if you forego butter, other toppings such as sour cream or bacon are also high in empty fat calories.

25. Before you eat any potato dish, you might want to stop and consider its fat content.

26. Substituting low-fat ingredients is simple, once you know a few tricks.

27. Whenever sour cream is called for, you might try nonfat yogurt.

28. Before you add cheese to potatoes, ask yourself whether a little pepper might add more flavor.

29. Whenever you buy processed potatoes such as French fries or potatoes au gratin, don’t forget about that hidden fat.

30. If you buy fresh potatoes, they are low in fat, high in carbohydrates, and packed with nutrients.