

L.O. I can use compound and complex sentences in the build-up of my narrative.

Handwriting Starter

It all looked so familiar to Firedrake. The misty woods outside the entrance to the cave. The smell of the sea nearby in the cold morning air. Every leaf and every flower reminded him of the Scottish mountains where he had grown up. But Scotland was far away, and so was the Rim of Heaven, the valley that the last dragons in this world had called their home for two years now. Firedrake turned and looked at the dragon lying behind him on a bed of moss and leaves. Slatebeard was the oldest of them all. His wings twitched in his dreams, as if he wanted to follow the wild geese crossing the grey sky, but he would soon be setting out on the longest flight of all. To the Land of the Moon, as dragons called the place to which only death opened the door.



What is a main/independent clause?

A simple sentence is a group of words that expresses one complete thought. Every simple sentence must contain a **subject** and a **verb**. They can also be called a **main** or **independent** clause.

Can you spot the subjects and the verbs in these main/independent clauses?

A cat climbed the tree.

My friend Marjorie has a pet hamster.

I love to eat pasta.

A small, white mouse laid under the tree.

Conjunctions

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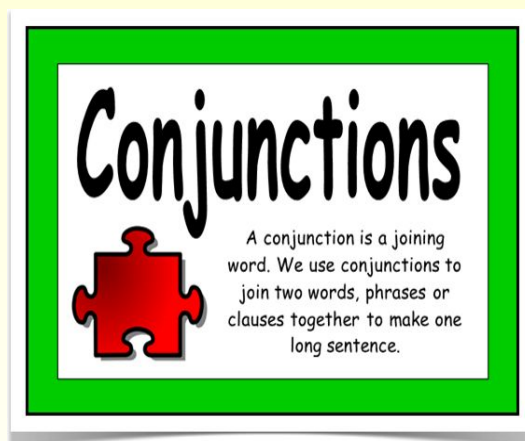


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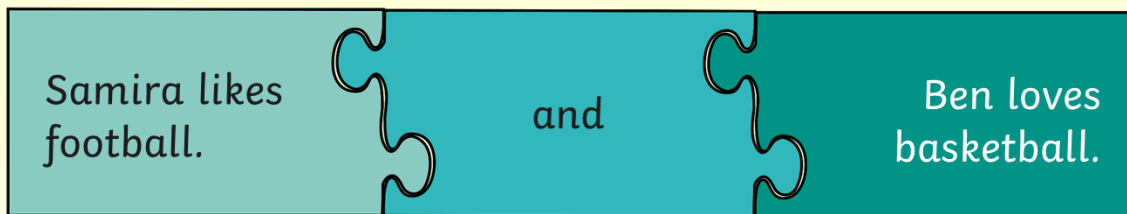
What is a conjunction?

What is the job of a conjunction?



What is a compound sentence?

Both of these main/independent clauses make sense on their own.



When we link them together with a **co-ordinating conjunction**, they form a compound sentence.

A compound sentence is made up of two main/independent clauses and a co-ordinating conjunction.

What is a complex sentence?

A complex sentence is made up of a main clause and then one or more dependent clauses.

We are going to look at creating a complex sentence using a subordinate clause.

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The volcano threw ash onto the city below.

Make a compound sentence:

Make a complex sentence:

Burning rocks fell from the sky.

Make a compound sentence:

Make a complex sentence:

Toxic gas filled the lungs of every citizen within miles.

Make a compound sentence:

Make a complex sentence:

Everyone enjoyed their day unaware of what was coming next.

Make a compound sentence:

Make a complex sentence:

The citizen clasped at the air around him..

Make a compound sentence:

Make a complex sentence:

Write four of your own compound sentences.

Then...

Write four of your own complex sentences.



Today you are going to write the build-up
to your narrative!

What is our narrative about?
Let's share some of our ideas.



As everyone enjoyed the hot summer's day, little did they know that trouble was brewing up in the mountains. Mount Kilauea was stirring. The only sign so far was the rapidly increasing temperature, and a slight smell of sulphur in the air. Matt, a shy and retiring youth, looked up from his job selling lemonade at the side of the beach. Smoke. In his eyeline, he could see a thin, plume of smoke trailing out of Kilauea.