

## THE COMPLEX SENTENCE

**The complex sentence consists of one main clause and one or more subordinating clauses.** The subordinate clause modifies a word in the main clause.

*After Dan studies, he often watches television. (subordinate clause modifies watches)*

*This is the week when the Todds go on vacation. (subordinate clause modifies week)*

*After Ann made the salad, she set the table. (subordinate clause modifies set)*

**Identifying Simple, Compound, and Complex Sentences.** Read the following sentences, and indicate whether each is simple, compound, or complex.

Example: I'm going to bed early because I'm tired. complex

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2. I wrote Jane a letter while she was away at camp. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you seen Mr. Nelson's garden at the back of his house? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When Miss Jones entered the room, we all became quiet. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Susan likes chemistry, but she likes physics better. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Since we've lost every game but one, no one is excited about football this year. \_\_\_\_\_
7. When I'm tired, I'm not good company for anyone. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Wandering aimlessly up the path, Mr. Cutter approached the house. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Susan sang a solo and accompanied herself on the piano. \_\_\_\_\_
10. When the rain began, we were playing tennis. \_\_\_\_\_
11. When Uncle Jack comes to town, we all have a good time. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I worked all morning, and then I relaxed in the afternoon. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Beth likes all seasons of the year, but she likes fall best. \_\_\_\_\_
14. On our trip we drove every afternoon until five o'clock. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Dave began to feel better before the doctor arrived. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Whistling loudly, Ken walked past the cemetery. \_\_\_\_\_
17. How many states can you see from Lookout Mountain? \_\_\_\_\_
18. If you want your car really clean, let George wash it. \_\_\_\_\_
19. I must stay home until the man comes to repair the washing machine. \_\_\_\_\_
20. Our neighbors are going to Canada on their vacation, but we will take our vacation at home. \_\_\_\_\_

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