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## Complex Sentences #1

A **complex sentence** is a sentence that has a dependent clause and an independent clause.

1. An independent clause = I learned about complex sentences...
2. A dependent clause. = ... while listening to the teacher.

Complex Sentence: I learned about complex sentences while listening to the teacher.

\* Remember: A dependent clause begins with a subordinate conjunction.  
Therefore, if you use a subordinate conjunction, you're writing a complex sentence.

Directions: Use the dependent clause in parentheses to turn the simple sentences below into complex sentences.

1. Dependent Clause: ( as the shoppers entered the store )  
The workers prepared for a busy day.

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2. Dependent Clauses: ( while Alex cleaned the windows )  
It started to rain.

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3. Dependent Clause: ( before it starts to rain )  
We need to finish the game.

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4. Dependent Clauses: ( after the coach handed out trophies )  
The team captain gave a speech.

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5. Dependent Clauses: ( Because my brother received good grades )  
He won a scholarship.

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