



The All Important Sentence

In a compound sentence, both independent clauses are equally important. In a complex sentence, the independent clause contains the most important to main idea, and the subordinate clause contains less important, or extra, information.

DIRECTIONS: Read each set of sentences below. Create a complex sentence that will signal to the reader that the first sentence given is the most important.

EXAMPLE: Jim lost his watch. Jim was swimming in the ocean.
While swimming in the ocean, Jim lost his watch.

1. Tim was picked first for the soccer team. Tim is not a good player.

2. The book is interesting. It is about a subject I am not usually interested in.

3. The dogs are in the yard. It is a beautiful day. _____

4. The bus driver took an alternate route. We still arrived on time. _____

5. Jane is cheerful. Jane is getting plenty of sleep these days.

6. There will always be homework. Ellen wishes there was no such thing as homework.
