

Relationships in Sentences



In a compound sentence, both independent clauses are equally important. In a **complex** sentence, the independent clause contains the most important or 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 sentence in parentheses is the most important.

EXAMPLE: Tim is reading a short story. (Tim prefers to read novels.)

Though he is reading a short story, Tim prefers to read novels.

1. (Marcia loves her new job.) Marcia's commute is long. _____

2. The dog is very loud. (The dog is very small.) _____

3. It is a cold day. (It is August.) _____

4. (Roger designed a bridge.) Roger is an engineer. _____

5. That man is bald. (He is quite attractive.) _____

6. (The pie is still fresh.) The pie was made yesterday. _____
