



## Using Subordinate Clauses

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:** The crocodile got a sunburn. He was on vacation.  
While on vacation, the crocodile got a sunburn.

1. Ellen won the science fair. Ellen has a very good imagination.

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2. The movie is boring. It is about some war that took place a long time ago.

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3. The cats are on the back of the sofa. It is their favorite spot.

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4. That man almost caused an accident. He pulled out in front of us.

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5. Jim is a grouch. Jim doesn't get enough sleep these days.

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