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Sentence Combinations

Sentences can be combined in different ways. For journalists, the most common combinations are simple sentences, compound sentences, and complex sentences:

Simple Sentence: One (**subject** + predicate)

**Twenty Freeport citizens** protested the ban against smoking.

Compound Sentence: Two complete sentences joined by a comma + coordinate conjunction (and, or, nor, but, for, because, etc.)

Twenty Freeport citizens protested the smoking ban, **but** the newspaper failed to cover the story.

Complex Sentences: One complete sentence (also known as an independent or main clause) + 1 subordinate (or dependent ) clause (missing either a subject or a predicate; or introduced by a conjunctive adverb — although, however, moreover, etc.)

**Although 20 Freeport citizens protested the smoking ban**, the newspaper failed to cover the story.

Identify these sentences by choosing (a) Simple, (b) Compound or (c) Complex

1. The training rooms of these college athletes smell of grease and gasoline.

 A) simple

 B) compound

 C) complex

1. Their practice field is a stretch of asphalt, and their heroes make a living driving cars.

 A) simple

 B) compound

 C) complex

1. Their tools are screwdrivers and spanners rather than basketballs and footballs.

 A) simple

 B) compound

 C) complex

1. This new brand of college athlete is involved in the sport of auto racing.

 A) simple

 B) compound

 C) complex

1. Most of the students are engineering majors, and they devote every minute of their spare time to their sport.

 A) simple

 B) compound

 C) complex

1. Although the sport is new, it has already attracted six collegiate teams in the Southeast.

 A) simple

 B) compound

 C) complex

1. The students work on special cars designed for their sport.

 A) simple

 B) compound

 C) complex

1. The cars are called Legends cars, models of Fords and Chevys from 1932 to 1934, and they are refitted by the students with 1200 cc motorcycle engines.

 A) simple

 B) compound

 C) complex

1. Although their usual speed ranges from 50 to 90 miles an hour, Legends cars can move up to 100 miles an hour on a straightaway.

 A) simple

 B) compound

 C) complex

1. The Saturday morning races of the competing teams have attracted as many as 3,500 fans, but the students concede they are no threat to the nation's fastest growing sport of stock car racing.

 A) simple

 B) compound

 C) complex

Complex Sentences Exercises

Subordinating Conjunction Exercises

The following exercises will help you gain greater understanding about how subordinating conjunctions work. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

Solved the below exercise 5 Marks

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the basement flooded, we spent all day cleaning up.
2. After
3. Although
4. Before
5. Even if
6. I don’t want to go to the movies ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I hate the smell of popcorn.
7. Although
8. Because
9. Whenever
10. So that
11. I paid Larry, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ garden design work is top-notch.
12. Whenever
13. Whose
14. After
15. If
16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spring arrives, we have to be prepared for more snow.
17. Because
18. Until
19. Although
20. Now that
21. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the alarm goes off, I hit the snooze button.
22. As soon as
23. Because
24. Before
25. Now that

Subordinating Conjunctions List

There are many subordinating conjunctions. This list contains 27 of those most commonly used.

1. After
2. Although
3. As
4. As soon as
5. Because
6. Before
7. By the time
8. Even if
9. Even though
10. Every time
11. If
12. In case
13. lest
14. Now that
15. Once
16. Since
17. So that
18. Than
19. The first time
20. Though
21. Unless
22. Until
23. When
24. Whenever
25. Whether or not
26. While
27. Why

Test on Subordinate Conjunction 10 Marks

1. I make it a point to visit the Taj Mahal ……whenever……………. I go to Agra.

2. This is the place …………….. I used to stay when I was studying at college.

3. ……………….. you get the first rank, I will buy you a car.

4. ………….. you work hard, you can’t pass the entrance test.

5. I am leaving tomorrow ………………… or not you give me the permission.

6. He could not get a seat, …………… he came early.

7. The players delivered a splendid performance …………as………. they had rehearsed well.

8. Parents should give enough attention to children ……… ……….. they will not feel neglected.

9. He is ……… dishonest ………………… no one trusts him.

10. I will note it down ……………… I should forget.

Answers

1. I make it a point to visit the Taj Mahal **whenever** I go to Agra.

2. This is the place **where** I used to stay when I was studying at college.

3. **If** you get the first rank, I will buy you a car.

4. **Unless** you work hard, you can’t pass the entrance test.

5. I am leaving tomorrow **whether** or not you give me the permission.

6. He could not get a seat, **though** he came early.

7. The players delivered a splendid performance **as** they had rehearsed well.

8. Parents should give enough attention to children **so that** they will not feel neglected.

9. He is **so** dishonest **that** no one trusts him.

10. I will note it down **lest** I should forget.