

Key

LEVEL 1 - INTRO ELEMENTS - CLAUSES

Directions: **Underline** the dependent/subordinate clause. **Box** or **circle** the subordinating conjunction

- 1.) Whenever she's nervous, she bites her nails.
- 2.) Since we all pitched in to help, it didn't take long at all.
- 3.) Although they should know better, many students smoke.
- 4.) Before you leave, would you please shut the windows?
- 5.) If you do the laundry, I'll mow the lawn.
- 6.) As long as you're up, will you let the cat outside?
- 7.) If I had a job like yours, I'd quit.
- 8.) Even if I ace the final exam, I can't possibly earn an A in French.
- 9.) After I go to Trader Joes, I am going to go to Best Buy.
- 10.) Until you brought over the pasta, I was starving.
- 11.) Unless I can clean my apartment by noon, I can't watch the football game.
- 12.) Because I am afraid of the dark, I use a night-light.
- 13.) Whenever I eat Chipotle, my fingers smell like pico de gallo.
- 14.) While Ms. Wilkie asks students to email her questions, only three students did.
- 15.) Since she entered the tenth grade, she always parted her hair down the middle.

What happens when the dependent clause is no longer at the beginning of the sentence? Create a rule based off of these sample sentences:

Sentence 1: Because I was late for school, I received a tardy detention.

Sentence 2: I received a tardy detention because I was late for school.

Rule: If your sub conj. starts your sentence, you need a comma.

LEVEL 2 - INTRO ELEMENTS - CLAUSES

Directions: Unscramble the given sentence parts. Rewrite the sentences by placing commas appropriately. Highlight the dependent clause. Box/circle the subordinate conj.

1. a. and listened to the fire crack b. while he put the food in his mouth and chewed
c. while the sun set d. ~~and~~ cooked a small supper e. he crouched by the path

While the sunset, he ~~cooked a small supper~~ and
cooked a small supper while he put the food in his
mouth and chewed.

2. a. and rubbed his swollen ankle b. while he gained his breath
c. removed one boot d. he huddled by the fallen log

While he gained his breath, he huddled by the
fallen log, removed one boot, and rubbed his swollen
ankle.

3. a. distributing his bundle of papers b. when he got back to town
c. before he went home to supper d. he would have to go on

When he got back to town, he would have to go
on distributing his bundle of papers before he
went home to supper.

4. a. took a hammer with a homemade handle b. when kernel-picking time came
c. the boy or father d. and cracked as many nuts as could be kernalled in a night
e. went to the flat rock e. before it was dark each day

When kernel-picking time came, the boy or father
went to the flat rock, took a hammer with a homemade
handle, and cracked as many nuts as could be kernalled
in a night before it was dark each day.

5. a. although oil had kept off the frost so far b. when the seal was dead
c. before it could freeze d. getting rid of the wet from her coat
e. the bear attended first to herself

When the seal was dead, the bear attended first
to herself, getting rid of the wet from her coat
before it could freeze, although oil had kept
off the frost so far.

S = S + V

CD = IND + IND

CX = IND + DEP
DEP + IWO

LEVEL 3 - INTRO ELEMENTS - CLAUSES

Directions: Read the following sentences. They are a mix of **simple (S)**, **compound (CD)**, and **complex (CX)**. First, read each sentence and place a comma where appropriate. Then, identify which type of sentence it is. If the sentence is complex, underline the dependent clause and box/circle the subordinate conjunction.

- S 1. We should go to Starbucks after school. *prep phrase*
- CX 2. Because we were all so tired we decided to go home early.
- CX 3. Unless we do all of our homework we won't be able to play.
- S 4. My best friend had a Saturday for skipping tardy detention.
- CD 5. We had to be home before midnight or we would be in trouble.
- CX 6. If Syed doesn't stop teasing that dog the dog is going to bite him.
- S 7. We danced in the Halloween Costume Contest and won.
- CX 8. Whenever my sister gets in trouble my dad makes her weed the garden.
- CD 9. Ohio State is ranked first in football but I don't think they deserve it.
- CX 10. Once school starts you need a pass to get into your class.
- S 11. You shouldn't accuse people of taking your things.
- S 12. Iowa had a bad football team last year.
- S 13. Michigan State's rock is painted by students every day.
- CX 14. I dislike Sundays because I have to go back to school the next day.
- S 15. Niko's favorite classes are Writing and History.
- CD 16. Tomorrow I will go to Jewel or I will go to Marianos.
- CX 17. Since candy is 30% off I am heading to Target to reap the discounts.
- CX 18. I will have to go to office hours whether I want to or not.
- CD 19. The Writing Center is open but hardly anyone ever comes. :(
- CX 20. I know some teachers offer extra credit if students attend the WC.

↑ now how about

LEVEL 4 - INTRO ELEMENTS - CLAUSES

Directions: You are given a basic sentence. Add an appropriate dependent/subordinate clause either at the beginning or end of the given sentence. Be sure to place punctuation where appropriate.

1.) _____ / I heard their laughter in the other room.

AS I did my hw, I heard their laughter...

2.) The class seemed to drag by / _____

The class seemed to drag by because I didn't like the material

3.) _____ / She went to Lollapalooza.

After Lucy ate pizza, she went to Lollapalooza.

4.) _____ / they threaded the shimmering channel in the rowboat and, tying it to a jutting rock, began climbing the cliff together.

Once they arrived, they threaded the shimmering channel in the rowboat...

5.) We took the train to the Kimball stop / _____

We took the train to the Kimball stop because there was so much traffic.

In your choice book, find an example of complex sentences that fulfill this following equation:

DEP + IND

IND + DEP

Now, find a simple sentence. Add a dependent clause to both sides of that simple sentence:

DEP + IND

IND + DEP

↑ Answers will vary ↑

LEVEL 5 - INTRO ELEMENTS - CLAUSES

Directions: This page is extra credit! Write a book review of your current choice book. Your book review should include the following information:

- Title, author, and genre
- Brief summary of characters, setting, and problem
- If you haven't finished yet, what you think/hope might happen next
- If you would recommend this book to someone else and why

Your book review should include the following grammatical elements

- 1 introductory clause with one of the following (although, because, if, since)
- 1 introductory clause with one of the following (before, after, when)
- 1 introductory word or phrase
- 1 IND Clause + DEP clause with proper (no) punctuation.

Answers will
vary