

Subordinate Clauses

The Easy Way to Make a Complex Sentence

Subordinate clauses are magic: they change a simple sentence into a complex one! You need to include complex sentences in your writing to make it more sophisticated.

A subordinate clause simply adds extra information into a sentence. It can go at the beginning or end of a sentence and is separated by a comma.

Main clause

Simple sentence: Celia searched for the rabbit.

Subordinate clause at the beginning.

Complex sentence: **Despite the wind and rain,** Celia searched for the rabbit.

comma

Complex sentence: Celia searched for the rabbit, **despite having to battle against the wind and rain.**

Subordinate clause at the end.

A subordinate clause doesn't make sense on its own. You can't just say: Despite the wind and rain. You need the main clause as well!



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