

Adding Clauses

A simple sentence has one main clause.

e.g. The dog growled at the cat.

A complex sentence contains a main clause and a **subordinate clause**.

The **subordinate clause** gives us some extra information but could not be a sentence on its own.

e.g. The dog, which was brown, growled at the cat.

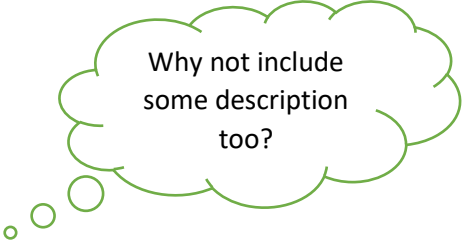
The subordinate clause does not have to be in the middle of the sentence.

e.g. **When I grow up**, I want to be a vet.

e.g. The children always work hard, **especially in literacy**.

Q. What is the subordinate clause in this complex sentence?

The teacher, Mrs Edwards, thinks her class is wonderful.



Why not include
some description
too?

Add a subordinate clause to each of these sentences below:

1. The band played.

2. The police searched the park.

3. The witch climbed onto her broom.

4. The footballer kicked the ball.

5. The man walked up the hill.

6. The cat walked along the wall.

7. The man sped away from the police.

8. The women had no money left.

9. Some men are no good at sports.

10. The chef was given the sack.

11. The dangerous tigers escaped from the zoo.

Descriptive words: mysterious, exhausted, frustrated, excited, smart, rough-looking, sly, beautiful, haggard.