Complex Sentence

A complex sentence is made of two clauses. One is a independent clause (complete sentence), and the other is the dependent clause (a fragment.) The two clauses are joined by a subordinate conjunction.

There are two ways to write a complex sentence.

The sentence follows this format.

S V S V
Mary made a good grade because she studied.

Subordinate Conjunction

Because she studied, Mary made a good grade.

Subordinate Conjunctions

- Can start the sentence. If it starts the sentence, a comma is needed to separate the clauses.
- Come in front of second clause. If it comes in front of the second clause, it takes the place of a comma. A comma isn't needed.

Common Subordinate Conjunctions

After	Until	Rather than
Although	Unless	Since
As	Before	So
As if	Because	Than
As long as	Even if	That
As though	When	Though