**Complex Sentences**

**Non-examples:**  
I came home, and I made dinner.

The world is getting warmer, so polar bears are in danger.

He ate dinner, but he wants cake for dessert.

**Examples:**   
After I came home, I made dinner.  
I made dinner after I came home.

Because the world is getting warmer, polar bears are in danger.  
Polar bears are in danger because the world is getting warmer.

Although he ate dinner, he wants cake for dessert.  
He wants cake for dessert although he ate dinner.

**SoW**

**Complex sentences:**

**Punctuation note:**

**Purpose**: Complex sentences clarify relationships between ideas and vary sentence structure.

T=time

O=opposite  
  
CE=cause and effect

**Common Dependent Markers:**

*after* ***T*** *although* ***O*** *as* ***T*** *as a result* ***CE*** *because* ***CE*** *before* ***T*** *even if  
even though* ***O*** *if* ***CE*** *in order to* ***CE*** *instead of* ***O*** *since  
though  
unless* ***CE O*** *until* ***CE T*** *whatever* ***CE*** *when* ***T*** *whenever* ***T*** *whether* ***CE O*** *while* ***T***

**Practice:**

Because she was late, Jennifer missed the test.

Jim was playing basketball when Mikayla was still a baby.

Many people don’t like abstract art because they don’t understand it.

When Jenny started playing basketball, she didn’t know what to do.

Jeremy thought the abstract art was a little strange although he did enjoy Picasso.

You should finish reading the book after Jenny reads it, although Mark was planning to read it as well.

Micah threw the hat away because it was red.

**Combine the two simple sentences to make the ideas clearer. Create a complex sentence beginning with a dependent clause.**

Example: Trina left the park. She went home.  
After Trina left the park, she went home.

1. Irina mentioned the personal narrative. Randy remembered that he needed to finish writing his personal narrative.
2. Riana preferred her sister’s company. She spent more time with her sister than her brother.
3. Aiden finished his homework. He was allowed to watch television.
4. The Foster Grandparent Program is more than thirty years old. Many people do not know about it.
5. He did not study. He didn’t pass the test.
6. Jenna did her homework in the kitchen. Her brother destroyed her room.