

S.P.A.G. Lesson

(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

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Objective: Can I add a comma to a
complex sentence?

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What is a complex sentence?

Reminder:

Complex Sentence

Although I was
frightened, I entered
the lions' den.

A complex sentence is formed when you join a main clause and a subordinate clause.

These complex sentences have got a subordinate clause in the middle of the sentence.



1. John loves watching television while eating popcorn.
2. My brother eats worms when he crawls on the grass.
3. Norman drinks hot chocolate before he goes to bed.

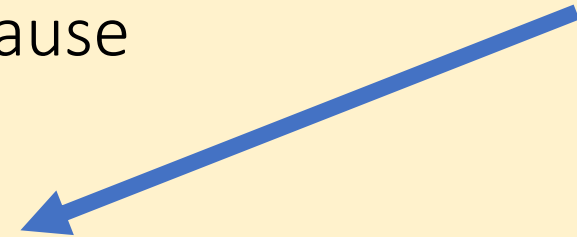


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These complex sentences have got a subordinate clause at the start of the sentence.



1. While eating popcorn, John loves to watch television
2. When he crawls on the grass, my brother eats worms.
3. Before he goes to bed, Norman drinks hot chocolate.



Answer:

When a complex sentences has got a subordinate clause at the start of the sentence, a comma is needed to separate the clauses.



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Answer:
A comma!

Task 1: Add a comma to each of these complex sentences.

Remember: The comma separates the clauses.

1. Until he was worn out Jack played football.
2. After eating his tea Bill went to bed.
3. While walking to school Tony sang a song.
4. Because she was late Sally ran to school.
5. When it rains Sam likes to use an umbrella.
6. Before eating his dinner Daniel washed his hands.

