

English Week 1 Lesson 2

L.O. To use commas to mark clauses in complex sentences.

Most sentences are made of clauses. Example: Italy is a popular holiday destination because of its stunning scenery.

A main clause makes sense on its own. Example: Italy is a popular holiday destination

The next clause gives extra information but it doesn't make sense on its own it needs the main clause. We call this the subordinate clause. Example: because of its stunning scenery.

Task 1: Underline the main clause in the following sentences.
(answers on the next page)

1. Italy has a rich history although you will find many contemporary venues too.
2. Before heading back to the hotel, take a relaxing stroll around the picturesque ports.
3. Take a trip to Southern Italy if you would like to get close to an active volcano.
4. While exploring this picturesque country, spend a day relaxing on one of Italy's many tranquil beaches.



- Conjunctions can join a clauses to make complex sentences.**
- If
 - Since
 - As
 - When
 - Although
 - While
 - After
 - Before
 - Until
 - Because

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What do you notice about how the **commas** are used in complex sentences?

If the main clause is at the beginning, you don't need to use a comma.

Example: Experience the magnificent views as the sun sets over the mountain-tops.

If the subordinating clause is at the beginning, you use a comma to separate it from the main clause.

Example: After a long day sight-seeing, unwind in the luxurious hotel spa.

Task 2: Decide which is the main and which is the subordinate clause in each sentence below. Add a comma if needed.

1. Soak up the atmosphere in the town square in the early evening when it is buzzing with life.
2. Since Italy is home to many famous football clubs there are many stadiums you can visit.
3. Until you have seen it in real-life you can never appreciate the greatness of the colosseum.