

Creating Complex Sentences

1. Throw the dice to choose a sentence starter.
2. Throw the dice again to find the subjects of your sentence.



You can create what is called a **complex** sentence by using the sentence starter and the subject. It is called 'complex' because it has one **dependent** idea or 'clause' and one **independent** idea or clause in it. The **independent** clause makes sense on its own. The **dependent** clause relies on the independent clause to make sense.

Example: **Despite** the **dingo** being wild, the media claimed it was like a normal **dog**.

Sentence Starter

1. Although
2. **Despite**
3. Because of

Subject

1. **dingo** **dog**
2. Uluru bravery
3. car blood

Sentence starter

1. At least
2. Wherever
3. If

Subject

1. climate happy
2. newspaper rock
3. dirt doctor

Can you tell which of the ideas or 'clauses' in your sentence makes sense on its own (**independent**) and which idea or 'clause' relies on the main idea to make sense (**dependent**)?

It might help to read each part of the sentence out loud to a friend or your teacher.