**Creating Complex Sentences**



1. Throw the dice to choose a sentence starter.

2. Throw the dice again to find the subjects of your sentence.

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| 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

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| 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.** |