

Complex sentences and conjunctions

Remember! A **complex sentence** has two (or more) clauses: a **main clause** which has the main idea, and a **subordinate clause** which gives more information about the main idea. A subordinate clause cannot stand on its own.

Example: The class was having a party **because** it was the end of the year.
 conjunction subordinate clause main clause

Conjunctions join clauses to make complex sentences. Some examples are: after, although, because, before, unless, when, while.

Circle the best conjunctions to complete these complex sentences.

- (Before While) we went to the party, we had some dinner.
- Having to do gym was a pain (although before) most people did enjoy it.
- He swam against the tide (unless until) he could see the mainland.
- Helping Dad build was easy (because before) he did most of the heavy lifting.

Underline the subordinate clauses in these complex sentences.

- Before they knew the whole story, people began to judge him.
- The police officer searched the crime scene while the thief hid in the bushes.
- Although it was expensive, Tran decided to hire the tools he needed.
- Emma didn't want to go ice-skating because she was so tired.

Commas in complex sentences

Remember! Add a **comma (,)** when the subordinate clause is first in a complex sentence.

Example: While we watch the fireworks display, we'll eat our dinner.
 subordinate clause comma main clause

Write the missing commas where needed to separate the clauses in these complex sentences.

- After we move the furniture we can clean the carpets properly.

- Saving the trapped horse was hard as water kept flooding in.
- Because of the accident drivers were suing the government.

Score 2 points for each correct answer! SCORE /22 0-8 10-16 18-22

Phonic Knowledge & Spelling

Synonyms

Synonyms are words that have a similar or the same meaning.

Example: cold – freezing, chilly, fresh

Match the bold words with a synonym from the box.

achieve remove seize gather adhere

- Eggs are sometimes hard to **get** amongst all of the birds. _____
- Water made it hard to **stick** the sticker on the bin. _____
- After falling, the climber had to **grab** his friend's hand. _____
- Do not **take** the glass from the window. _____
- People found it hard to **reach** the target. _____

Circle the synonym for the bold words.

- party:** solve gathering reply
- sound:** noise sneeze loud
- shine:** sausage trophy sparkle
- shout:** whisper yell laugh
- right:** wrong different correct

Match the words in the box with their antonyms (opposites).

calm cheerful cruel arrive
 absent cheap combine bent

- sad _____
- kind _____
- windy _____
- depart _____
- expensive _____
- straight _____
- present _____
- separate _____

Score 2 points for each correct answer! SCORE /36 0-16 18-30 32-36

Dentists - why bother?

Persuasive text – Argument
 Author – Peter Alford



I feel strongly that forcing children to go to the dentist is silly. Facing the drill and that pain can make children go bonkers through worry before even arriving at the dentist.

Most kids clean their teeth at least once a week and that should be enough! It's not as though children eat lollies every day or have cool drinks all the time. Sugar isn't a worry. Kids don't have breath like fire-breathing dragons. No-one is going to melt because they were breathed on by a child.

I'm sure that I read somewhere that thick, yellow coating on teeth stops tooth decay. Think of the money saved by parents allowing that coating to grow. Poking and prodding by a dentist should not be needed. The money that's saved could be better used to feed the poor people of the world. So, in conclusion, it is not necessary for kids to go to dentists.



Write or circle the correct answer.

- What are the two things that children don't want to face?

- What could parents do with the money they saved by not sending children to dentists?

- Write the sentence where the writer compares bad breath to something.

- What does the writer think may help stop tooth decay?

- The writer says that 'sugar isn't a worry'. What two things contain sugar in the text?

- What would dentists not have to do if children didn't visit them?

Score 2 points for each correct answer! SCORE /16 0-6 8-12 14-16

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- What is not a worry for dentists and parents?

- The writer says that children may go bonkers. What does that mean?
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