

Combining Sentences: Complex Sentences

REMEMBER THE RULES

- A **complex sentence** contains an independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.

Gireesh has wanted to be a pilot ever since he was a small boy.

independent clause

dependent clause

A. Read each complex sentence and underline the dependent clause.

1. Rameesh’s cousin Gireesh visits him whenever he is in town.
2. He has worked for Air India ever since Rameesh can remember.
3. Although Gireesh has a hectic schedule, he never forgets Rameesh.
4. If Gireesh sees something interesting on his travels, he buys it for his cousin.
5. Because Gireesh travels all over the world, Rameesh has some great souvenirs.

B. Combine the dependent and independent clause and write a complex sentence.

6. Although I have not traveled much. I like to collect souvenirs, too.

7. I bought a set of salt and pepper shakers. While we were in Canada last year.

8. As we were shopping in Niagara Falls. I spotted them in a store window.

9. Because they are shaped like maple leaves. They remind me of Canada.

10. I think of that trip. Whenever I use them.

At Home: Find a complex sentence in a newspaper or magazine article. Copy it and underline the dependent clause. Circle the conjunction.