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# Writing Complex Sentences

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

(dependent clause)

**Example:** Even though it was late, Kelsey wanted to stay up to watch the movie.

**Directions:** Turn the following simple sentences into complex sentences by using the subordinating conjunction in parenthesis.

1. We weren't able to go to the zoo. (because)  
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2. Caleb laughs at his younger brother. (when)  
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3. You may have a slice of cake for dessert. (after)  
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4. Amir hasn't been to the movie theater. (since)  
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5. Mrs. Henderson likes to watch television. (while)  
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6. Isabel has to work on her school project. (until)  
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7. I should get going to my doctor's appointment. (before)  
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8. Raquel will not be going to the party. (if)  
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