

## Complex Sentences Sheet 3

A complex sentence is an independent clause joined with a dependent clause.

### Conjunctions

|       |          |        |             |         |       |          |
|-------|----------|--------|-------------|---------|-------|----------|
| while | after    | though | when        | whereas | as    | unless   |
| since | although | if     | even though | where   | until | wherever |

1. Create a complex sentence by adding a dependent clause to the following independent clauses. Use a conjunction from the box above. The first one has been done.

The dog barks.

If you begin with a dependent clause, remember a comma!



Whenever the gate slams shut, the dog barks.

We will be going on a school trip.

The young seal loved doing tricks.

Charlotte looked after the little bird.

The principal was cranky.

Rita returns from the park with sunburn.

2. Complex sentences can begin with the independent clause or the dependent clause. Choose two of your complex sentences and re-write them, changing the order of the clauses. Which sounds best?

For example: Whenever the gate slams shut, the dog barks.



The dog barks whenever the gate slams shut.