

Combining Sentences

Beginning Sentences with a Clause

Begin one of the sentences with a subordinating conjunction such as **if**, **although**, **when**, or **until**. Now the sentence cannot stand alone as a complete sentence. It is a dependent clause. Place a comma after the dependent clause and add the second sentence.

Two related sentences:

Mom sees me sleeping.

She will turn out my light.

One sentence:

If Mom sees me sleeping, she will turn out my light.

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Two related sentences:

I read many books about Egypt.

I am not an expert.

One sentence:

Although I read many books about Egypt, I am not an expert.

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Two related sentences:

Tom went to the mall.

He looked for a new shirt.

One sentence:

When Tom went to the mall, he looked for a new shirt.

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Two related sentences:

I cannot play video games.

I finish my homework.

One sentence:

Until I finish my homework, I cannot play video games.