

# Complex sentences – Easter theme

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## Complex sentences



A complex sentence has a **main clause** and a *subordinate* clause.

The main clause is the most important piece of information and can be a sentence alone.

A subordinate clause adds extra information with a conjunction.

A subordinate clause can't make a sentence alone. It needs to have a main clause.

### Examples

<i>Main clause</i>	<i>Subordinate clause</i>
<b>I have a spring clean</b>	before my family visit me at Easter.

↑  
conjunction

- a) **There is a national holiday for Easter** so people can spend time with their family and friends.
- b) Although it is difficult to get there, **Rapa Nui is an amazing place to visit**.
- c) **In the UK people often have pancakes with lemon and sugar** although I prefer golden syrup.
- d) **People celebrate Easter with chocolate eggs** because eggs represent new life.
- e) **Children want to eat the eggs** as soon as they find them.
- f) As soon as the pancake is cooked, **serve it with lemon and sugar**.
- g) **Stir the ingredients together** until the mixture is smooth.
- h) If the weather is good, **we will have an Easter egg hunt in the garden**.
- i) **I will feel sick** if I eat too many Easter eggs.
- j) When Ramadan finishes, **people celebrate Eid**.

Use the examples to answer the questions.

1. Which clause is in **bold text**? (*Tick the correct answer.*)

the main clause     the subordinate clause

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2. Which conjunctions can you see in the examples?

<i>before</i>			

3. Which sentences begin with a main clause?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Which sentences begin with a conjunction?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. The conjunction comes before.... (*Tick the correct answer.*)

the main clause     the subordinate clause

6. Which sentences have a comma? Why?

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7. Re-write sentence (i) with the conjunction first.

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Re-write sentence (j) with the main clause first.

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Now complete these sentences:

As soon as I get home
I will buy some chocolate if
Although I like chocolate
I don't have much money so
After I finished school

Which sentences need a comma?