

Sentences

Raising Skills
English Language
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Using longer sentences

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Cycling is an easy way to exercise. It is a form of transport. You can cycle to work. You can save money. You can get fit. You can buy special clothes. You can ride in poor weather.

2

Cycling is an easy way to exercise because it's a form of transport. If you cycle to work, you can save money and get fit. You can buy special clothes so you can ride in poor weather.

Joining sentences 1

You can join two or more **simple sentences** using a **coordinating conjunction**.

You can save money. You can get fit.
You can save money **and** you can get fit.

This is a **compound sentence**. It makes two points. Each part of a compound sentence (either side of the conjunction 'and') makes sense alone and is as important as the other part.

Task

Use the **conjunctions** to change the two sentences into one bigger **compound sentence**. Do both parts still make sense?

I was tired. I cycled home.

and **but** **so** **or** **yet**

Joining sentences 2

Now practise joining the sentences with these conjunctions. Try them out at the beginning and in the middle of the two sentences.

although

because

until

I was tired. I cycled home.

when

as

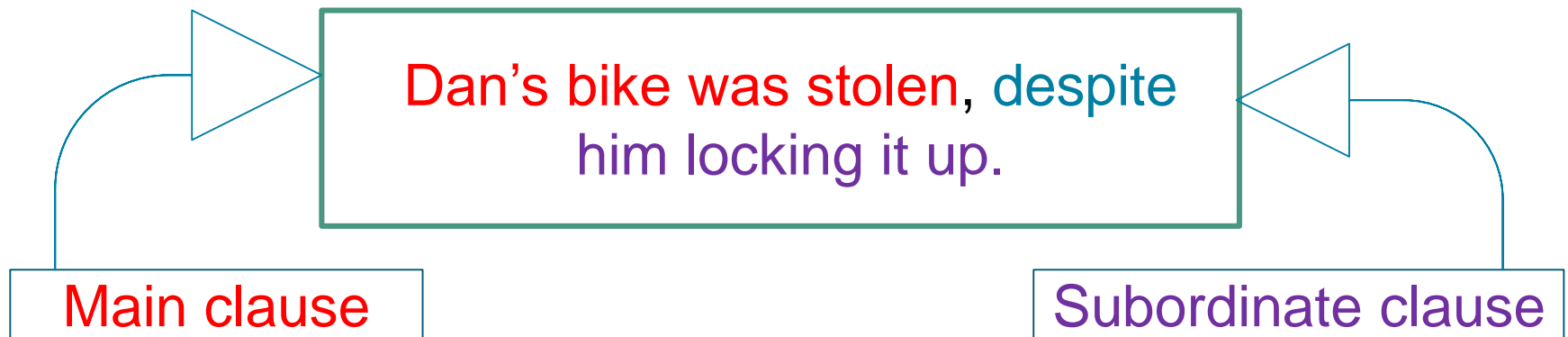
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Joining sentences 3

Look at this **complex sentence**.

Does the **subordinate clause** make sense on its own?

What is 'it'? Who locked it up?



A complex sentence has a **main clause** and **one or more subordinate, or dependent, clauses**. The clauses are often linked with a **subordinating conjunction**.

More complex sentences

Look at the **complex sentences**. For each one:

- a) find the conjunction that links the clauses
- b) decide which clause is main and which is subordinate.

1. Even though it rained, I enjoyed my bike ride.
2. If you don't have waterproof clothes, you'll get very wet.
3. Since buying a bike, I've saved money on travel.
4. I can cycle around ten miles before getting tired.
5. When cycling far, I always take a bike pump.

Putting it all together: writing a paragraph

One effective way to write a paragraph is to use a topic sentence, a sentence of supporting evidence and a closing sentence.

Cycling

Topic sentence



Cycling is a fun, cheap and low-impact exercise and it has many health benefits. As well as increased muscle strength, the health benefits of regular cycling include: decreased body fat, stronger bones, and reduced stress and anxiety levels.

Supporting sentence



Closing sentence



Regular cycling can improve both physical and mental health.

Review and reflect

1. Cycling is a fun way to exercise.

- How many ideas are there in this sentence? One / Two
- I can recognise this sentence type. Yes / No

2. Cycling burns calories and it can help you maintain a healthy weight.

- How many ideas are there in this sentence? One / Two
- I can recognise this sentence type. Yes / No

3. Cycling is one of the easiest ways to fit exercise into your daily routine because it's also a form of transport.

- How many ideas are there in this sentence? One / Two
- I can think of a replacement conjunction that has the same meaning. Yes / No