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Definition:

A complex sentence is a sentence that has one independent clause and at least one dependent clause. The clauses are joined using subordinating conjunctions like because, although, since, when, if, unless, while, etc.

Examples:

- Although it was raining, we went outside.
- She left the room because she was upset.
- I will wait here until you return.
- Independent clause: Can stand alone (e.g., We went outside.)
- Dependent clause: Cannot stand alone (e.g., Although it was raining)

2. Mixed Sentences

Definition:

A mixed sentence is either:

- 1. A **grammatical error** caused by **mixing incompatible clauses** or verb tenses (common in conditionals), or
- 2. A sentence that blends contrasting ideas using different types of clauses or moods (more advanced stylistic use).
- Types of Mixed Sentences:
- **X** A. Incorrectly Mixed Conditional Sentences
 - X If I would have studied, I will pass the test. (Incorrect)
 - If I had studied, I would have passed the test. (Correct third conditional)
- **B.** Mixed Conditional Sentences (Correct but Advanced)

These mix past and present ideas.

✓ If I had taken the job, I would be living in Delhi now.
 (Past condition → Present result)

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

Complex Sentences MCQs



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1. Which of the following is a complex sentence?

- A) She ran fast and won the race.
- B) She ran because she was late.
- C) She ran and jumped.
- D) She ran in the park.
- Answer: B) She ran because she was late.

2. Identify the dependent clause in the sentence: "Although he was tired, he finished his homework."

- A) He finished his homework
- B) He was tired
- C) Although he was tired
- D) Finished his homework
- Answer: C) Although he was tired
- Mixed Sentences MCQs
- 3. Choose the correctly written mixed conditional sentence:
- A) If I will study, I would pass.
- B) If I studied hard, I will pass.
- C) If I had studied, I would be a doctor now.
- D) If I study, I had passed.
- Answer: C) If I had studied, I would be a doctor now.

4. Which sentence shows incorrect mixing of conditionals?

- A) If you heat water, it boils.
- B) If I had known, I would have helped.
- C) If I would have known, I would help.
- D) If he works hard, he will succeed.
- Answer: C) If I would have known, I would help.

(Incorrect mixing of tenses and modals)