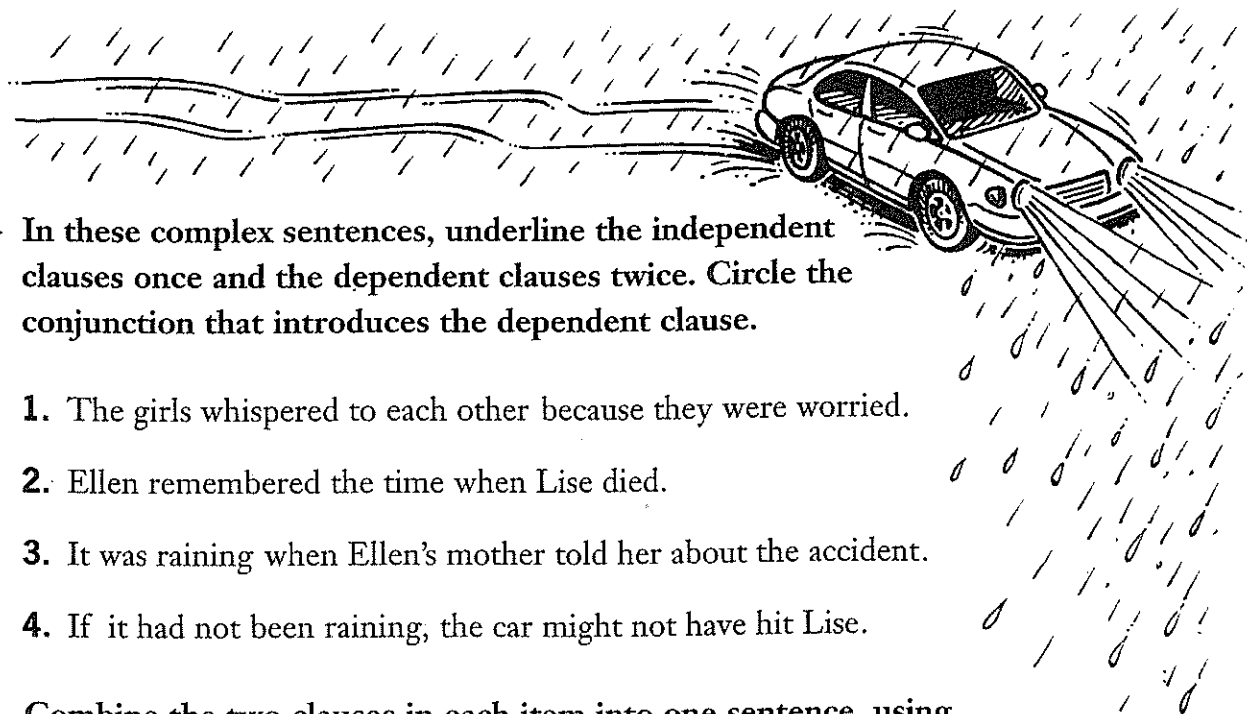


Skill Reminder

• A **clause** is a group of words that contains a subject and a predicate. • A **complex sentence** contains an independent clause and a dependent clause. • **Independent clauses** can stand alone. **Dependent, or subordinate, clauses** can not.



- In these complex sentences, underline the independent clauses once and the dependent clauses twice. Circle the conjunction that introduces the dependent clause.
1. The girls whispered to each other because they were worried.
 2. Ellen remembered the time when Lise died.
 3. It was raining when Ellen's mother told her about the accident.
 4. If it had not been raining, the car might not have hit Lise.
- Combine the two clauses in each item into one sentence, using the subordinating conjunction in parentheses ().

5. Ellen's father wanted her to be a teacher. Ellen wanted to go to acting school. (although) _____
- _____
- _____

6. Annemarie had not seen Lise's things. Her parents had packed them away. (since) _____
- _____
- _____



Suppose that you were Ellen. Write an eight- or ten-sentence journal entry describing how you felt. Include five sentences with both dependent and independent clauses.