KS2: Complex sentences

A complex sentence consists of a main clause with one or more subordinate clauses. A conjunction connects the clauses. The conjunction can appear at various points in the sentence. For example:

Although it was cold, we played on the beach.
We played on the beach although it was cold.

The subordinate clause is in bold, and the conjunction is underlined.

Use a conjunction to join each pair of clauses into a complex sentence. Vary the sentence position of the conjunctions. Decide if a comma is needed and underline the subordinate clause. Remember to add full stops and capital letters where needed.

Conjunctions: while, because, although, where, until, if, though, when, since, so that, before, after, as, whenever

1. the school is popular
   the Academy of Magic has many problems

2. wizards are careless with potions
   there are many mishaps

3. spells go wrong
   antidotes cannot be found

4. cupboards need to be unlocked
   keys are often missing

5. one person must be in charge
   Sentence Wizard will carry all the keys

6. flying lessons will be stopped
   children are scared of heights

7. a sick room will be built
   children can recover from old experiments

8. new spells will be forbidden
   changes can be made
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• Although the school is popular, the Academy of Magic has many problems.

• There are many mishaps, because wizards are careless with potions.

• If spells go wrong, antidotes cannot be found.

• Keys are often missing when cupboards need to be unlocked.

• Sentence Wizard will carry all the keys because one person must be in charge.

• If children are scared of heights, flying lessons will be stopped.

• A sick room will be built where children can recover from old experiments.

• Until changes can be made, new spells will be forbidden.