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- A **complex sentence** is a sentence that contains two related clauses joined by a conjunction other than *and*, *but*, or *or*.
- **Subordinating conjunctions** can appear at the beginning or in the middle of a complex sentence. If the sentence begins with a subordinating conjunction, a comma should follow the last word of the **dependent clause**.

Use the subordinating conjunction in parentheses to combine the two simple sentences into one complex sentence.

1. I was worried about the dog. She wouldn't eat. (because)

2. I told my mother. We called the vet. (after)

3. The dog walked away. We were still on the phone. (while)

4. She was acting suspicious. I followed her. (since)

5. I was concerned. She led me to a bag of food she had eaten. (until)

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- Use a **comma** before a conjunction to separate two independent clauses in compound sentences.
- In complex sentences that begin with dependent clauses, add a **comma** after the last word of the dependent clause.

Use the conjunction in parentheses to create one compound or complex sentence from the two simple sentences. Use commas correctly.

1. My grandmother called. No one was home. (but)

2. I had a spare moment. I called her back. (when)

3. She had exciting news. I begged her to tell me. (and)

4. She wanted it to be a surprise. I promised to keep it secret. (because)

5. She had won a contest. She was taking us all on a trip! (since)
