



Building Complex Sentences with Dependent Clauses ¹

Level: Advanced (C-Level)

Practice 2

Instructions. Based on [this lesson about dependent and independent clauses](#), identify the main clause (the independent clause) in the sentences below.

Example 1: The toy we bought yesterday has already broken down.

Main Clause 1: The toy has already broken down.

Example 2: The woman I was talking to at the party was Professor Ecks's daughter.

Main Clause 2: The woman was Professor Ecks's daughter.

When you are done, see "Answer Key" to check your answers.

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1. Norman Orentreich, the dermatologist responsible for the development of hair transplants, died at age 96 in 2019.

Main clause: _____

2. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 10 children with measles gets an ear infection, which can lead to permanent deafness.

Main clause: _____

3. After the hurricane passed and people started assessing the damage, the government sent out the National Guard to provide assistance to those who needed it.

Main clause: _____

4. Learning languages, which can be very time-consuming, can delay the onset of Alzheimer's because it creates new neural pathways in your brain.

Main clause: _____

5. During the test, the researcher who was in charge of asking the questions noticed that the participants were uneasy because of the types of questions being asked.

Main clause: _____

6. When the vending machine kept her money without dispensing her drink, Janet kicked it as hard as she could.

Main clause: _____

7. After he saw a documentary on how poorly animals are treated in the United States, the young man, who wanted to be a veterinarian, considered becoming a vegetarian.

Main clause: _____

8. In exchange for paying for health insurance, you want to be sure that your health-related needs will be covered if you get ill.

Main clause: _____

9. In Japan, almost all of the 49 reported cases of measles in Mie Prefecture were people connected to Miroku Community Kyusei Shinkyo, a religious group that promotes alternative healing. (*The New York Times*)

Main clause: _____

10. Most American teenagers – across demographic groups – see depression and anxiety as major problems among their peers, a new survey by the Pew Research Center found. (*The New York Times*)

Main clause: _____

11. According to Philip Kendall, director of the Child and Adolescent Anxiety Disorders Clinic at Temple University in Philadelphia, teenagers who grew up in the post-9/11 era, and amid many school shootings, may have anxiety tied to an environment filled with dire warnings about safety. (*The New York Times*)

Main clause: _____

12. DoubleClick, a survivor of the dot-com crash and a digital advertising pioneer, and Google, which made an early bet on the city, have played key roles in New York's ascent to a tech town. (*The New York Times*)

Main clause: _____



Answer Key

1. Norman Orentreich died at age 96 in 2019.
2. One in 10 children with measles gets an ear infection.
3. The government sent out the National Guard.
4. Learning languages can delay the onset of Alzheimer's.
5. The researcher noticed (*something*).
6. Janet kicked it (*the vending machine*).
7. The young man considered becoming a vegetarian.
8. You want to be sure.
9. Almost all (*cases*) ... were people (*connected to Mie Prefecture*).
10. A new survey by the Pew Research Center found.
11. Teenagers may have anxiety.
12. DoubleClick and Google have played key roles (in New York's ascent to a tech town).

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