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Learning intention

- understand that complex sentences contain one independent clause and at least one dependent clause typically joined by a subordinating conjunction to create...

Teach and model

- creating richer, more specific sentences by including information about place, time, manner, cause or condition in a dependent clause; for example, "Denise found a..."
- creating more precise and detailed sentences by adding adverbial clauses; for example, "They crossed the mountain range." becomes "Although the path was..."

Check understanding

- Explain the main idea in that complex sentences contain one independent clause and at least... using an example.
- Show the idea in a second way: with words, a model, a diagram or symbols.
- Apply the idea to a short unfamiliar situation and justify the result.

Teaching cautions

- Ask the student to explain their choice, not only state an answer.
- Check that key vocabulary is understood in a new example.
- Mix representations so the skill is transferred rather than copied.

Quick lesson sequence

- Connect to prior knowledge and introduce the key vocabulary.
- Model one clear example, then solve a second example together.
- Finish with an independent check and a short student explanation.