

How complex and compound-complex sentences can be used to elaborate...

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Learning intention

- understand how complex and compound-complex sentences can be used to elaborate, extend and explain ideas

Teach and model

- identifying and experimenting with a range of clause structures and discussing the effect of these in the expression and development of ideas
- consolidating knowledge of simple, compound and complex sentences, recognising that a simple sentence can express sophisticated ideas and a complex...
- examining the addition of ideas using a complex-compound sentence; for example, "When dinosaurs roamed the earth, weather patterns shifted significantly and as a result..."

Check understanding

- Explain the main idea in how complex and compound-complex sentences can be used to elaborate... 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.