

Instructions for doing this worksheet: The answers are given at the bottom. So try to answer the questions on your own and once you think you have all the answers, scroll down to answers and explanations.

Reminder: Independent clause - can stand on its own as a sentence and a dependent clause can't.

Exercise 1: Turn these two simple sentences into one compound sentence: I like the ocean.
I like nice views.

Exercise 2: Complex sentences (independent clause and one or more dependent clauses)

Question: Create a complex sentence from these clauses: "My job involves responsibility for overseeing reports" and "managing employees" and "ensuring customer happiness" and "training staff" and "and more"

Exercise 3: Complex-compound sentence (at least two independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses).

ANSWERS:

Exercise 1 correct answer: I like the ocean and I like nice views.

Why: We can connect simple sentences by a conjunction

Exercise 2 correct answer: My job involves responsibility for overseeing reports, managing employees, ensuring customer happiness, training staff, and more.

Why: “My job involves responsibility for overseeing reports” is an independent clause (also a simple sentence) because it can be a complete sentence. And all the clauses that follow it are incomplete sentences, meaning that they are dependent clauses.

Exercise 3 correct answer: My job keeps me busy but I like it, and appreciate it.

Why: The sentence “My job keeps me busy” is an independent clause. The sentence “I like it” is an independent clause. Those are joined by the word “but” and after that I added the dependent clause “appreciate it” at the end.