

Complex
sentences

Clauses

Clauses are distinct parts of a sentence. They usually have their own verb. They are like a little sentence in themselves.

Some short sentences are made up of just one clause:

The cat barked.

Longer sentences have more than one clause.

The cat barked } and } the dog was surprised.

Clauses can be linked by connectives.

- Look at these sentences and cut out the separate clauses.

The cat sang and the dog played the piano.

The dog was surprised because the cat started singing.

The dog used ear plugs so he couldn't hear the cat.

The cat got angry and she sang louder.

The dog caught a train but the cat followed him.

The dog hid in the luggage coach where the cat couldn't find him.

The dog got off at the station then the cat saw him.

The dog caught the next train before the cat could follow him.

The cat gave up singing and she became a pianist.

The dog became a train driver and he gave up the piano.

