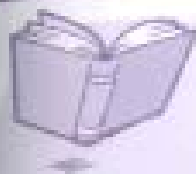


Commas in complex sentences



Sometimes the part of the sentence starting with the connecting word (the **subordinate clause**) is moved to the **beginning** of the sentence.

For example, instead of writing:

The car stopped suddenly when we hit a lamppost.

You can write: **When we hit a lamppost**, the car stopped suddenly.

When you do this, use a **comma** to separate the two parts of the sentence.



1. Rewrite these sentences, moving the words that are underlined to the beginning of the sentence. Remember to use a **comma** to separate the two parts of the sentence.

a) I escaped from the aliens when it was dark.

b) We will have to stay inside if it rains all day.

c) The journey took longer than expected because of the bad weather.

d) I was soon completely lost in spite of the map.

e) They continued to hunt for survivors until it was dark.



2. Complete the first part of these sentences. Use a **comma** to separate the two parts of the sentence.

a) While _____ your dog ate the birthday cake.

b) When _____ I went to bed.

c) As _____ everyone looked up.