

Complex Sentences

Task One:

Complete the **I SAW A WABUB** acronym below:

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Task Two:

Read the following short story.

Underline any sentences you believe to be 'complex sentences'.

The Mysterious Lake

It was a crisp autumn morning when Ella and her friends decided to explore the old, forgotten lake at the edge of town. They had heard stories about it, of course — tales of strange sounds echoing through the mist and shadows moving across the water. **Although they weren't sure they believed the stories, they were excited to see it for themselves.**

As they walked through the forest, leaves crunched beneath their feet, and a light fog rolled in, making everything seem slightly spooky. **When they reached the lake, they noticed how quiet it was; not even a bird was singing. While they looked across the water, Ella thought she saw a ripple, although nothing seemed to be there.** Her friend Jake, who was the most curious of the group, picked up a small stone and threw it into the lake. It skipped once, then twice, before sinking into the dark water.

Suddenly, they heard a soft rustling sound behind them. Ella froze, holding her breath because she felt something watching them from the trees. Jake, sensing her worry, whispered, "Maybe we should head back before it gets too late." They all agreed, yet something in the stillness of the lake made Ella glance back one last time. **Though she didn't see anything unusual, the stories about the lake stayed in her mind long after they had returned home.**



Task Three:

For task three, check that each of the sentences you have created contains a:

- Subordinating conjunction (e.g. see I SAW A WABUB above)
- An independent clause (a part of the sentence that makes complete sense all by itself)
- A dependent clause (a part of the sentence that does not make complete sense all by itself and begins with the subordinating conjunction)

