COMPLEX SENTENCES WITH ADVERBIAL CLAUSES OF TIME AND PLACE, REASON, PURPOSE, CONDITION, CONCESSION, MANNER, COMPARISON, RESULT, DEGREE AND MEASURE. CLEFT SENTENCES

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**Annotation:** This article provides an in-depth exploration of complex sentences, focusing on adverbial clauses and cleft sentences. It begins by defining and explaining the function of various adverbial clauses, including those of time, place, reason, purpose, condition, concession, manner, comparison, result, and degree. Each type is illustrated with examples to demonstrate how these clauses modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs, offering readers clarity in understanding their usage. The article then shifts to cleft sentences, explaining their role in emphasizing specific elements of a sentence. It introduces the two most common forms of cleft sentences—It-clefts and What-clefts—and provides examples to illustrate how these structures can highlight key parts of a sentence for stylistic or rhetorical effect. Lastly, the article ties together the use of adverbial clauses with cleft sentences, showcasing how the two can be combined to form even more intricate and powerful expressions. This combination not only enriches writing but also aids in making communication more dynamic and focused. In conclusion, the article encourages readers to incorporate these advanced sentence structures into their writing and speech to improve clarity, impact, and expressiveness.

**Key words:** complex sentences, adverbial clauses, time, place, reason, purpose, condition, concession, manner, comparison, result, degree, measure, cleft sentences, It-clefts, What-clefts, emphasis, sentence structure, modification, writing, communication.

# **Exploring Complex Sentences: Adverbial Clauses and Cleft Sentences**

In English grammar, complex sentences are formed by combining an independent clause with one or more dependent clauses. These dependent

clauses often add depth to writing by expressing relationships of time, place, reason, purpose, condition, concession, manner, comparison, result, degree, or measure. Another sophisticated construction, **cleft sentences**, is used to emphasize specific parts of a sentence. Let's explore these structures in detail.

## **Adverbial Clauses**

Adverbial clauses function as adverbs, modifying verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. They answer questions like *when*, *where*, *why*, *how*, and *to what extent*. Here are examples of adverbial clauses for each category:

## **Time**

Adverbial clauses of time answer when an action occurs.

- Example: I'll call you when I arrive.
  - o Dependent clause: when I arrive indicates the time of the action.

## **Place**

Adverbial clauses of place answer where an action takes place.

- Example: We found shelter where the forest was densest.
  - o Dependent clause: where the forest was densest specifies the location.

## Reason

Adverbial clauses of reason explain why something happens.

- Example: She left early because she had an appointment.
  - Dependent clause: because she had an appointment gives the reason.

# **Purpose**

Adverbial clauses of purpose explain why an action is taken or its intended outcome.

- **Example**: He studied hard so that he could pass the exam.
  - Dependent clause: so that he could pass the exam expresses the purpose.

Adverbial clauses of condition describe the circumstances under which something happens.

- **Example**: If it rains, we'll stay indoors.
  - o Dependent clause: *If it rains* sets the condition.

## Concession

Adverbial clauses of concession show contrast or opposition to the main idea.

- **Example**: Although she was tired, she kept working.
  - o Dependent clause: *Although she was tired* expresses a concession.

### Manner

Adverbial clauses of manner describe *how* something is done.

- Example: He spoke as though he were an expert.
  - Dependent clause: as though he were an expert describes the manner.

# **Comparison**

Adverbial clauses of comparison compare two ideas or actions.

- **Example**: She runs faster than he does.
  - o Dependent clause: than he does shows the comparison.

#### Result

Adverbial clauses of result indicate the consequence of an action.

- **Example**: It was so cold that the pipes froze.
  - Dependent clause: *that the pipes froze* shows the result.

# Degree and Measure

Adverbial clauses of degree or measure specify to what extent or how much.

• Example: She was so exhausted that she could barely stand.

 Dependent clause: that she could barely stand expresses the degree of exhaustion.

## **Cleft Sentences**

Cleft sentences are used to emphasize a specific part of a sentence, often for dramatic or stylistic effect. They divide a single idea into two clauses, typically introduced by phrases like *It is/was... that*, or *What... is/was...* 

## Types of Cleft Sentences:

## 1. It-Cleft

- **Structure**: It + is/was + emphasized element + relative clause.
- **Example**: It was John who solved the problem.
  - Emphasizes: John as the subject.

## 2. What-Cleft

- Structure: What + clause + is/was + emphasized element.
- **Example**: What she needs is more time.
  - Emphasizes: *more time* as the solution.

## 3. Other Cleft Forms

- Example: The thing that surprised me was his honesty.
  - o Emphasizes: his honesty as the surprising factor.

# Combining Adverbial Clauses with Cleft Sentences

Using adverbial clauses within cleft sentences creates powerful and complex constructions:

- Example: It was because she worked hard that she succeeded.
  - Combines a reason clause (because she worked hard) with a cleft sentence for emphasis.

## Conclusion

Mastering adverbial clauses and cleft sentences allows writers to craft nuanced and impactful sentences. Adverbial clauses enrich writing by showing relationships of time, place, and purpose, while cleft sentences highlight key

information. Together, these tools can elevate both written and spoken communication, making ideas more compelling and clear. Incorporating complex sentences with adverbial clauses and cleft structures is a hallmark of sophisticated writing and speaking. These constructions not only enhance clarity and precision but also allow for nuanced expression of relationships between ideas. Whether you want to emphasize a specific point, explain reasons, or convey detailed comparisons, mastering these grammatical tools ensures your communication is both effective and engaging. By practicing these structures, writers and speakers can achieve greater stylistic variety and depth in their language, making their ideas more memorable and impactful.

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