

Complex Sentences

A complex sentence contains one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.

(The independent clauses are underlined once; the dependent, twice.)

The fish jumped over the dam when the wave crested.

If you go to the store, buy me a candy bar.

The carpenter who built this house is my brother.



• In the following complex sentences, underline the independent clauses once and ^{circle} the dependent clauses.

1. The astronauts left the vehicle when the solar panel failed.
2. The United States became serious about space exploration when the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1.
3. If there is life on the moon, humans have not succeeded in finding it.
4. When a spacecraft is put in orbit, many people share the credit.
5. John Glenn, who was the first American to orbit the earth, became a senator.
6. The Apollo program had a lunar module that was capable of landing on the moon and returning to the main vehicle.
7. The Sputnik 1, which was launched in 1957, was the first artificial satellite.
8. When Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface, he was fulfilling a promise made by President Kennedy earlier in the decade.
9. The United States launched the space shuttle Columbia, which was the first reusable manned spacecraft.
10. The Challenger, which had seven astronauts on board, exploded in midair.
11. Because this disaster was so devastating, all missions were temporarily stopped.

• Write three complex sentences which tell about space exploration.

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2. _____
3. _____