

## The Simple Sentence: Advanced Grammar

### Phrases and Clauses – Practice 2

**Instructions.** Based on [this lesson about phrases](#) and [in this lesson about dependent and independent clauses](#), combine the following dependent clauses with phrases and independent clauses. Multiple answers can be correct.

#### Example 1

That man used to be my teacher.

- sitting in the back of the room
- in high school

**Your Sentence:** That man sitting in the back of the room used to be my teacher in high school.

#### Example 2

Adults believe in ghosts.

- in the United States
- nearly half of adults
- according to a recent survey

**Your Sentence:** According to a recent survey, nearly half of adults in the United States believe in ghosts.

**Also Possible:** According to a recent survey, nearly half of adults believe in ghosts in the United States.

When you are done, see “Answer Key” to check your answers.



1. Scientists are researching a treatment.

- at Johns Hopkins University
- a new treatment
- a treatment for diabetes

**Your Sentence:**

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2. Working from home requires planning and discipline.

- a great deal of planning
- a great deal of discipline
- without getting distracted
- so that you can focus

**Your Sentence:**

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3. Following instruction is important.

- particularly in an online course
- when you complete an assignment

**Your Sentence:**

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4. Adults can be bullies.

- in many situations
- common situations
- school-aged children
- although we associate bullying with children

**Your Sentence:**

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5. The neighbors called the police.

- after they heard screaming
- screaming coming from the house
- afraid that something was wrong

**Your Sentence:**

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6. Learning takes effort.

- a great deal of effort
- learning a new language
- learning from scratch
- in the first few years

**Your Sentence:**

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7. Brazil has experienced turmoil.

- in recent years
- the largest country in South America
- political turmoil
- economic turmoil

**Your Sentence:**

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8. A group of parents has met with officials.

- to discuss the problem
- school officials
- concerned about their children's behaviors
- online behaviors

**Your Sentence:**

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## Answer Key

1. Scientists are researching a treatment.

- at Johns Hopkins University
- a new treatment
- a treatment for diabetes

**Your Sentence:** Scientists at Johns Hopkins University are researching a new treatment for diabetes.

**Also possible:** Scientists are researching a new treatment for diabetes at Johns Hopkins University.

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2. Working from home requires planning and discipline.

- a great deal of planning
- a great deal of discipline
- without getting distracted
- so that you can focus on your tasks

**Your Sentence:** Working from home requires a great deal of planning and discipline so that you can focus on your tasks without getting distracted.

**Also possible:** So that you can focus on your tasks without getting distracted, working from home requires a great deal of planning and discipline.

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3. Following instruction is important.

- particularly in an online course
- when you complete an assignment

**Your Sentence:** Following instructions is important when you complete an assignment, particularly in an online course.

**Also possible:** Particularly in an online course, following instructions is important when you complete an assignment.

**Also possible:** When you complete an assignment, following instructions is important, particularly in an online course.

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4. Adults can be bullies.

- in many situations
- common situations
- although we associate bullying with children
- school-aged children

**Your Sentence:** Although we associate bullying with school-aged children, adults can be bullies in many common situations.

**Also possible:** Adults can be bullies in many common situations although we associate bullying with school-aged children.

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5. Learning takes effort.

- a great deal of effort
- learning a new language
- learning from scratch
- in the first few years

**Your Sentence:** Learning a new language from scratch takes a great deal of effort in the first few years.

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6. The neighbors called the police.

- after they heard screaming
- screaming coming from the house
- afraid that something was wrong

**Your Sentence:** *Afraid that something was wrong, the neighbors called the police after they heard screaming coming from the house.*

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7. Brazil has experienced turmoil.

- in recent years
- the largest country in South America
- political turmoil
- economic turmoil

**Your Sentence:** *The largest country in South America, Brazil has experienced political and economic turmoil in recent years.*

**Also possible:** *Brazil, the largest country in South America, has experienced political and economic turmoil in recent years.*

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8. A group of parents has met with officials.

- to discuss the problem
- school officials
- concerned about their children's behaviors
- online behaviors

**Your Sentence:** *A group of parents concerned about their children's online behaviors has met with school officials to discuss the problem.*

**Also Possible:** *Concerned about their children's online behaviors, a group of parents has met with school officials to discuss the problem.*

