

Use Complex Sentences

Remember: Varied sentences make writing interesting. One way to create variety is to use adverb clauses to make complex sentences.

- Tell why by adding an adverb clause with **because** or **since**.
Because I want to look good, I dress nicely.
- Tell when by adding an adverb clause with **when**, **after**, or **before**.
I want to make a good impression **when** I go on my date.
- Make a contrast by adding an adverb clause with **although**.
Tell about a condition by adding an adverb clause with **unless**.
Although I must leave, I stop for a final look in the mirror.
I won't have a good time **unless** I look my best.

Try It

A. Expand each sentence by adding an adverb clause. Use the subordinating conjunction in parentheses. Say each sentence.

1. It's important to make a good impression _____.
_____. (**when**)
2. I am a little nervous _____. (**because**)
3. _____, I will
keep the conversation natural. (**Although**)

B. Improve the paragraph. Wherever you see a caret, add an adverb clause. The first change is done for you.

Although they always are important,
Good impressions are especially important in job interviews.
Take clothes, for example. I wear nice clothes instead of jeans.
Also, I practice some things to say. I write a thank-you note.