



Walking The
D.O.G.
(Daily Oral Grammar)

Wait a minute...
Where is the dog?!!
I don't see any dog!

Writing Complex Sentences About *The Call of the Wild*

Take a minute to read the definitions you used on your last D.O.G. about **Dependent** and **Independent clauses**. Think about what makes the two of them different. Then read the sentences below. Underline any Dependent Clause you find once and Independent Clauses Twice.

1. Buck began to steal food because his rations did not satisfy his ravenous appetite.
2. As Buck spent more time in the northland, his senses grew sharper and sharper.
3. He watched what worked for the other dogs, and he mastered the skills needed to survive in this new place.



"It's the call of the wild."

Now, use the space below each theme to construct two complex sentences that tell something specific about Buck relating to each of the following themes.

Survivors are those who adapt to changing circumstances

1 _____
2 _____

Experience is the greatest teacher.

1 _____
2 _____

The urge to survive is ultimately more powerful than the moral law of human civilization.

1 _____
2 _____

Common Subordinating Conjunctions

after	if	though
although	if only	till
as	in order that	unless
as if	now that	until
as long as	once	when
as though	rather than	whenever
because	since	where
before	so that	whereas
even if	than	whenever
even though	that	while

Use the subordinating conjunctions above to create dependent clauses that are part of your complex sentences on the front of this handout.



You should recognize this as a complex sentence.

Grimmy's observation contains both an **independent clause** and a **dependent clause**.

Underline the **subordinating conjunction** that introduces the dependent clause.

Rewrite the sentence on the line below so that it needs internal punctuation.