

Some example answers below.

1. Look at the sentences below. Make the sentences longer and more interesting by adding a subordinate clause in the middle or at the end.

Example: The dog barked.

The dog barked because he was hungry.

- a) The chickens clucked because they wanted to be let out.
- b) Even though the track was busy, the trains chugged by.
- c) If you finish your dinner, you can eat the chocolate.
- d) The librarian, who was busy putting books away, asked for quiet.
- e) Unless you brush twice a day, your teeth will fall out.

See if you can challenge yourself by now putting a subordinate clause in the middle of a sentence. This is also called an **embedded** clause. It adds extra information to the sentence.

For example: The dog barked

The dog, **who was hungry**, barked.

It adds extra information to the sentence to tell you that the dog was hungry.

Notice how there is a comma **before** the clause and **after**.

- a) The chickens clucked.
The chickens, who were busy scratching, clucked.
- b) The trains chugged by.
The trains, which were very old, chugged by.
- c) Eating cake can cheer people up.
Eating cake, which is always a treat, can cheer people up.