



Bayview High

After Dinner Barf

Chapter 5: The Writing on the Wall

Working with Words—Complex Sentences

A *complex sentence* is composed of one independent clause with one or more subordinate clauses. A subordinate clause cannot stand alone as a sentence.

For example:

If you get angry, don't yell at your friend.

(The underlined part is the subordinate clause.)

Classify each sentence below as a simple sentence or a complex sentence. Underline the subordinate clause in each complex sentence.

1. After lunch is over, we should go to chemistry class. _____
2. Will you lend me the book you just finished? _____
3. I'll meet you later. _____
4. Here is the salad you ordered. _____
5. Be sure to say hello to the guys we met at Lincoln High. _____
6. I took the telephone message. _____

Write three complex sentences.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____