Syntax (Compound Complex Sentences)

**Definition**: A compound-complex sentence contains at least two main clauses and one or more subordinate clauses.

**Main Clause**: The main clause makes a statement and is a complete thought. It can be an independent sentence.

**Subordinate Clause**: Cannot stand alone; is incomplete. Dependent on the main clause. Introduced by a subordinating word, such as: when, which, as, because, etc.

**Compound-Complex Sentence - Example**

As I put my coat on, I looked out the window, but I couldn't see any rain.

- **Subordinate Clause**: As I put my coat on
  - **Main Clause**: I looked out the window
  - **Conjunction**: but
  - **Main Clause**: I couldn't see any rain

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