

# Text Based Intervention **Syntax (Compound Complex Sentences)**

## Compound-Complex Sentence

**Definition:** a compound – complex sentence contains at least 2 **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**

**Main Clause**

**Conjunction**

**Main Clause**

As I put my coat on

I looked out the window

but

I couldn't see any rain