To use subordinate clauses

Task 1

Write down as many words and phrases as you can about Kandinsky?

Look at these three sentences:

1. After thinking through his prospects, Kandinsky gave up the law at 30 years old and decided to become an artist.

2. Claude Monet, who was a French artist, was a true inspiration for Kandinsky.

3. Kandinsky felt he could express feelings and music through colours and shapes as his experience of painting grew.

What types of sentences are these (simple, compound, complex)?

A simple sentence uses just one clause, whereas a compound sentence uses two or more independent clauses. A complex sentence features at least a single independent clause as well as at least one dependent clause.

They are all complex sentences.

What do you notice about them?

They all have a subordinate clause in them.

What is a subordinate clause?
Why do we use them?

A subordinate clause is a group of words that contain a subject and a verb but it cannot stand on its own.

Subordinate clauses which are added to a main clause allow us to add detail and build up atmosphere in narratives.

What is the subordinate clause in each of the sentences above?

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3. Kandinsky felt he could express feelings and music through colours and shapes <u>as his experience of painting grew</u>.

Notice that the underlined red sections (subordinate clauses) do not make sense on their own.

What is a relative clause?

Relative clauses are a type of subordinate clause.
- They are embedded clauses
- They tell us more about the noun and start with relative pronouns

Relative pronouns are: who, which, that, whom, whose.

Find the relative pronoun in the sentences below.

- Wassily Kandinsky, <u>who</u> was born to a musician and tea merchant, grew up in Odessa.

- Abstract art, <u>which</u> formed the main form of modern art, uses shapes, colours and marks to achieve its effect.

Can you think of any subordinate conjunctions?

Here are some subordinate conjunctions

as	after
while	once
although	wherever
even though	until
when	whether
before	though
if	whereas

Task 2

Spot the mistakes in the sentences below. What is missing?

1. As Kandinsky grew older. He realised his passion was in art and painting.

2. The artist who was inspired by the French painter Claude Monet used shapes to express his emotions.

3. Although Kandinsky learned piano and cello when he was younger he did not follow in the footsteps of his mother.

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Answers

1. As Kandinsky grew older, he realised his passion was in art and painting.

2. The artist, who was inspired by the French painter Claude Monet, used shapes to express his emotions.

3. Although Kandinsky learned piano and cello when he was younger, he did not follow in the footsteps of his mother.

Task 2
See below.

Task 2
Mild

Use the clauses below to make complex sentences. Remember to use commas and full stops.

| Wassily Kandinsky was born in Moscow | in 1866 | the capital city of Russia |

| Paul Klee | Kandinsky painted with his friend | creating modern artwork. |

| a German expressionist group | Der Blaue Reiter | originated in Munich. |

| the capital of Russia | discovered painting in early adulthood | Kandinsky born in Moscow |

| Kandinsky | was a founding member of Der Blaue Reiter. | who painted in impressionist, abstract and modern styles |

| Kandinsky | who lived in lots of different places, such as Paris, Odessa and Munich | was known throughout Europe |

| was an intelligent man | Kandinsky | who had many talents such as art, music and academia |

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Task 2
Spicy

Write 8 of your own complex sentences about Kandinsky.

Use the word bank of conjunctions to help you.

Task 2
Hot

Write 8 of your own complex sentences about Kandinsky.

Experiment with the order of your clauses. Write 4 of your sentences with the clauses in a different order.