

Complex Sentences – Practice

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Add any necessary punctuation.

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(there are more possibilities, but the sentences above model a correct response)