**Complex Sentences**

When the nurse came back into the room, she asked my dad to leave.

The nurse asked my dad to leave when she came back into the room.

Because my skin was burned off, I stayed in the hospital for 6 months.

I stayed in the hospital for 6 months because my skin was burned off.

After 6 months, my dad came in, grabbed me, and ran out of the hospital.

My dad came in, grabbed me, and ran out of the hospital after 6 months.

Since my skin was so hot, the nurses covered me with ice.

The nurses covered me with ice since my skin was so hot.

Although Brian fell on his head, my parents didn’t want him to go into the hospital.

My parents didn’t want Brian to go the hospital although he fell on his head.

**\*An independent clause is a complete sentence. A dependent clause or a subordinate clause cannot stand alone**

**\* The underlined words are all called “subordinators.” Subordinators make a clause subordinate**

WRITE THE RULE:

* When do you have to use a comma?
* When do you not have to use a comma? Use the phrase “independent clause” in the rule.