

Episode 1:
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1. Abandoned boxcars are stationary, unmoving objects because they've been discarded.
2. In 1951, The dependent boxcar was *CONNECTED*, attached or linked to the independent engine.
3. As the locomotive pulled away, the boxcars stayed in the trainyard.
4. The boxcars were now alone and vulnerable, open for unwanted ghosts to move in.
5. A ghost came along and moved into the abandoned boxcar, an isolated train car now separated away from the engine.
6. The best way to get rid of the ghost in a boxcar is to reconnect, relink the boxcar back to the locomotive engine.
7. I feel like Junior Genius is a lot like the cartoon show Scooby Doo, a TV series about wacky crazy adventures!
8. I'm learning a to about English grammar, boring stuff that most teachers don't teach very well. *Opps!*

The abandoned boxcar:

Independent clause

dependent clause

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Abandoned boxcar: Review:

Summary: 1 comma connects an independent clause and a dependent clause.

ACT implications:

Look to see that what comes just after the comma is like a *mini description* of the main word just before the comma.

If not...no comma!

Example 1: Now I know how to use commas, little things that look like train hitches.

Example 2: Now I know how to use commas, thanks to Junior Genius.