

Complete The Complex Answer Key

1. because
2. since
3. unless
4. because (also acceptable: since, although → if teacher wants to stretch reasoning)
5. when
6. because (could also accept since)
7. after (also acceptable: when, since - depending on intended meaning)
8. although
9. while
10. before (or until - context-dependent; both acceptable)

Creative Extension - Answers will vary. Examples:

- *Although I was tired, I kept running.*
- *We ate dinner after we set the table.*
- *If you call me, I'll tell you the news.*

Teacher Guide / Notes

- Stress that subordinating conjunctions show relationships: **cause/effect (because, since), contrast (although), time (before, after, until, when, while), condition (if, unless).**
- Some sentences allow for more than one correct answer depending on interpretation (especially in Part B). This is intentional — encourage discussion about which conjunction makes the most sense.
- For Part the last part, have students share their sentences aloud. This not only checks understanding but also shows the flexibility of conjunctions in sentence structure.