

Creating Complexity Answer Key

Sample Answers (many possibilities, answers will vary):

1. because → *She wore a jacket because it was cold outside.*
2. although → *Although he was tired, he finished his chores.*
3. since → *We stayed indoors since it was snowing heavily.*
4. if → *I will join the game if you invite me.*
5. while → *The baby laughed while her brother danced.*
6. after → *We cleaned the kitchen after we ate dinner.*
7. before → *He washed his hands before he ate lunch.*
8. unless → *You cannot play outside unless you finish your homework.*
9. when → *She screamed when the lights went out.*
10. as → *I waved to my friend as I walked to school.*

Conjunction Mix-Up - Example Answers (answers will vary):

- *I will help you because I know the answer, although I have little time.*
- *She was smiling while she painted, since the music made her happy.*

Teacher Guide / Notes

- Stress that each sentence must include **two parts (independent + dependent clause)**.
- Encourage students to **vary placement** of clauses (e.g., *Because it was cold, she wore a jacket* vs. *She wore a jacket because it was cold*).
- Part C pushes higher-order thinking by requiring students to **blend multiple subordinating conjunctions** into a single sentence.
- For differentiation:
 - Beginners can be given sentence starters.
 - Advanced learners can be challenged to write about a theme (e.g., school, sports, nature) using all conjunctions.