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Clause Starters

Directions: Each sentence below begins with a **dependent clause**. Complete the sentence by adding an **independent clause** that makes sense. Remember: a dependent clause cannot stand alone, but when you add an independent clause, you create a complete complex sentence.

Example Starter: Although I was tired,

✓ **Completed Sentence:** *Although I was tired, I finished my homework.*

1. **Because it was raining,** _____
2. **Although she studied hard,** _____
3. **Since the power went out,** _____
4. **If I forget my homework,** _____
5. **While the teacher was talking,** _____
6. **After the movie ended,** _____
7. **Unless you wear your helmet,** _____
8. **Before we leave for school,** _____
9. **When the phone rang,** _____
10. **As the sun was setting,** _____

Challenge Extension: Write **two of your own dependent clause starters** (beginning with subordinating conjunctions such as *because, although, since, if, when, while*). Then, exchange with a partner or finish them yourself by adding independent clauses.

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