

Complex Connections Answer Key

1. I took an umbrella **because it was raining outside**.
2. We stayed inside **until the storm passed**.
3. She kept reading her book **while the movie was playing loudly**.
4. He wore his lucky socks **since he wanted to win the game**.
5. The dog barked **when the mailman came to the door**.
6. I like ice cream **although it melts too quickly**.
7. You cannot watch TV **unless you finish your chores**.
8. I will call you **after I arrive at the airport**.
9. The baby laughed **because the clown made a silly face**.
10. She practiced every day **since she had an important recital**.

Teacher Guide / Notes

- Stress the difference between **coordinating conjunctions** (FANBOYS) and **subordinating conjunctions** (because, although, since, when, etc.). This helps learners see why the sentence is “complex.”
- Encourage students to read their new sentences aloud. It helps check for natural flow.
- Remind them that the subordinating clause can go first or last (e.g., *Because it was raining, I took an umbrella* vs. *I took an umbrella because it was raining*).