

Name _____

Clause Starter Quest Answer Key

1. **Although** it was raining, we decided to go outside with umbrellas.
2. I stayed up late **because** I had a lot of homework to finish.
3. We were excited to go to the park **when** the sun came out.
4. The teacher smiled **when** the students completed the activity.
5. She was nervous **although** she had practiced many times.

Challenge Situations: (other correct starters possible)

6. **Although** the alarm didn't ring, he woke up on time.
7. They cheered loudly **because** their team won the game.
8. We sat quietly **before** the movie began.
9. She brought her coat **since** it was very cold outside.
10. He tried to concentrate **while** the music was playing loudly.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- This activity builds recognition of **subordinating conjunctions** as signals of dependent clauses.
- Multiple answers are often correct. Encourage students to try **different starters** to see how the meaning changes.
 - *Although it was raining vs. Because it was raining* → same structure, but different cause/contrast meanings.
- Extension: Have students **write their own sentences** using each starter from the word bank.