

Linking Clause Combos Answer Key

Correct Matches

- A1 → B7 → **Because I studied hard, my parents said I could watch a movie.**
- A2 → B6 → **Although the dog barked loudly, the neighbors continued their conversation.**
- A3 → B1 → **Since it was raining, we decided to play board games inside.**
- A4 → B3 → **When the teacher entered the room, the students quickly took their seats.**
- A5 → B2 → **Before we eat dinner, I finished all of my chores first.**
- A6 → B5 → **Even though I was tired, she still finished her homework.**
- A7 → B4 → **If you need help, you can ask me anytime.**
- A8 → B8 → **While the band was playing, the crowd cheered loudly.**

Teacher Notes / Guide

- Emphasize that **dependent clauses** cannot stand alone and usually start with subordinating conjunctions (*because, although, since, when, before, even though, if, while*).
- **Independent clauses** are complete sentences that can stand by themselves.
- Matching ensures students see how clauses **combine to form complex sentences**.
- For enrichment, let students **mix and match multiple ways** (e.g., A2 could also go with B3) to practice sentence variety.