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Combine with Care

Directions: Each item below gives you **two separate clauses**: one independent and one dependent. Your job is to **combine them into a correct complex sentence**. Use the suggested subordinating conjunction (in parentheses) or choose your own if it makes sense. Don't forget to punctuate properly.

1. Independent: I stayed inside.
Dependent: It was storming outside. (because)
→ _____
2. Independent: She took a deep breath.
Dependent: She was nervous about giving her speech. (although)
→ _____
3. Independent: We will order pizza.
Dependent: Everyone finishes their homework. (if)
→ _____
4. Independent: The teacher smiled.
Dependent: The students handed in their projects. (when)
→ _____
5. Independent: I went to bed early.
Dependent: I was tired from the long hike. (since)
→ _____

Challenge: For each set, **choose the best conjunction** and write the complex sentence.

6. Independent: We kept playing the game.
Dependent: The sun had already set.
→ _____
7. Independent: I grabbed my umbrella.
Dependent: The forecast predicted rain.
→ _____
8. Independent: The team celebrated.
Dependent: They won the championship.
→ _____