

Name _____

Combine with Care Answer Key

1. I stayed inside because it was storming outside.
2. Although she was nervous about giving her speech, she took a deep breath.
3. We will order pizza if everyone finishes their homework.
4. The teacher smiled when the students handed in their projects.
5. Since I was tired from the long hike, I went to bed early.

Challenge: Sample Answers (many possible)

6. We kept playing the game even though the sun had already set.
7. I grabbed my umbrella because the forecast predicted rain.
8. The team celebrated after they won the championship.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- Point out that **word order can change** in complex sentences:
 - *Because it was storming outside, I stayed inside.*
 - *I stayed inside because it was storming outside.*Both are correct.
- Stress that the **dependent clause needs the independent clause** to make a full thought.
- Extension idea: Have students **rewrite each sentence two different ways**, switching the order of dependent and independent clauses.
- For advanced practice, remove the suggested conjunctions and let students choose the best one on their own.