

Structure Stretch Answer Key

Answer Key (Sample Expansions - Student answers may vary)

- Compound:** The dog barked, and the cat hid under the couch.
Complex: The dog barked because a stranger was at the door.
- Compound:** She read a book, but her brother watched TV.
Complex: She read a book while waiting for the bus.
- Compound:** We ate dinner, and then we played a game.
Complex: We ate dinner after Mom came home.
- Compound:** The car stopped, so the passengers got out.
Complex: The car stopped because the light was red.
- Compound:** He played the guitar, and his sister sang along.
Complex: He played the guitar when his friends visited.
- Compound:** They laughed, yet they were nervous.
Complex: They laughed although the joke wasn't funny.
- Compound:** I wrote a letter, and I mailed it to my cousin.
Complex: I wrote a letter since I had exciting news to share.
- Compound:** The sun rose, and the birds began to sing.
Complex: The sun rose while the town was still asleep.
- Compound:** Maria studied, so she passed the exam.
Complex: Maria studied because she wanted to do well.
- Compound:** The phone rang, and I answered it quickly.
Complex: The phone rang when we were eating dinner.

Teacher Notes:

- Accept **any correct expansions** as long as they keep the original simple sentence intact and add either an **independent clause (compound)** or a **dependent clause (complex)**.
- Encourage students to try **both forms** for practice.