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## Compound-Complex Builders Answer Key

### Sample Answers - Student versions may vary

- Compound:** The sky grew dark, and the rain began to fall.  
**Complex:** The rain began to fall when the sky grew dark.
- Compound:** She studied for the test, and she wanted to earn a good grade.  
**Complex:** She studied for the test because she wanted to earn a good grade.
- Compound:** We missed the bus, so we walked to school instead.  
**Complex:** Because we missed the bus, we walked to school instead.
- Compound:** I enjoy playing soccer, but my brother prefers basketball.  
**Complex:** While I enjoy playing soccer, my brother prefers basketball.
- Compound:** He stayed home, for he was feeling sick.  
**Complex:** He stayed home because he was feeling sick.
- Compound:** The dog barked, and the mail carrier walked by the house.  
**Complex:** The dog barked when the mail carrier walked by the house.
- Compound:** We packed our bags, and we left for vacation.  
**Complex:** After we packed our bags, we left for vacation.
- Compound:** The children were tired, yet they continued to play outside.  
**Complex:** Although the children were tired, they continued to play outside.
- Compound:** I turned on the lamp, for the room was too dark.  
**Complex:** I turned on the lamp because the room was too dark.
- Compound:** She smiled, and she opened the gift.  
**Complex:** She smiled as she opened the gift.

**Teacher Notes:** Both **compound** and **complex** answers are **acceptable** as long as students preserve the meaning. Encourage students to **try both forms** (compound and complex) for extra practice.