

Mixed Subordinating Conjunctions

Grades 5–7

Choose the best subordinating word to combine each pair.

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Read each pair of sentences. Choose the best word from the bank to combine them, then write the combined sentence. Word bank: *because, although, when, after, before, since.*

1. The team lost. They played their best game all year. (*hint: although*)

2. The kettle whistled. We knew the water was ready. (*hint: when*)

3. We left the house. We locked every door. (*hint: before*)

4. The library closed early. It was a holiday. (*hint: because*)

5. The guests arrived. We finished setting the table. (*hint: after*)

6. Traffic was heavy. We left ten minutes late. (*hint: since*)

7. The lights flickered. The storm knocked down a power line. (*hint: because*)

8. She smiled. She opened her gift. (*hint: when*)

9. The recipe seemed easy. It took three hours to make. (*hint: although*)

10. You start the engine. Check your mirrors. (*hint: before*)

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ANSWER KEY

Choose the best subordinating word to combine each pair.

Sample answers shown below. Wording may vary — accept any grammatically correct combined sentence.

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1. Although the team played their best game all year, they lost.
2. When the kettle whistled, we knew the water was ready.
3. Before we left the house, we locked every door.
4. The library closed early because it was a holiday.
5. After we finished setting the table, the guests arrived.
6. Traffic was heavy since we left ten minutes late.
7. The lights flickered because the storm knocked down a power line.
8. She smiled when she opened her gift.
9. Although the recipe seemed easy, it took three hours to make.
10. Before you start the engine, check your mirrors.