

Complex Sentence Review: Practice Questions

PART 1: COMBINE SENTENCES

Take two sentences and put them together with a connecting word. In the end, you have one complex sentence.

For example:

- The teacher said there will be a quiz next week. The class whined and complained.
- **After** the teacher said there will be a quiz next week, the class whined and complained.

Writing Practice #1

Use one of these connecting words for each question.

- After, although, because, before, if, when, while
1. The hair dryer was not working. I returned it to the store for a refund.
 2. I checked my boots and skis. Then I jumped on the ski lift.
 3. I washed my clothes. They still look dirty.
 4. I walked into the room. Everybody stopped talking.
 5. You can watch TV. First, you have to finish your homework.
 6. I was driving to Toronto. My car ran out of gas.
 7. She got a credit card. She bought a new pair of running shoes and an iPhone.

Part 1 Answers

1. Because the hair dryer was not working, I returned it to the store for a refund.
2. Before I jumped on the ski lift, I checked my boots and skis.
3. Although I washed my clothes, they still look dirty.
4. When I walked into the room, everybody stopped talking.
5. If you finish your homework, you can watch TV.
6. While I was driving to Toronto, my car ran out of gas.
7. After she got a credit card, she bought a pair of running shoes and an iPhone.

PART 2: COMBINE SENTENCES

Write a complex sentence that mentions **one** subject.

- Add a connecting word: after, while, or before.
- Use the present continuous verb form in the first clause.
- Put the subject in the second clause.

For example:

- Mary went to the bank. After that, Mary went to the grocery store.
- **After going** to the bank, Mary went to the grocery store.

Writing Practice #2

1. John and Mary said goodbye at the airport. They started to cry.
2. Ji-sung played soccer on Saturday. He hurt his ankle.
3. She checked her wallet. Then she drove to the gas station.
4. The teacher walked into class. The teacher looked at the clock and left.
5. You can watch TV. First, you have to finish your homework.
6. I was driving to Toronto. My car ran out of gas.
7. Mr. Kim sold his Sonata. He canceled his car insurance.
8. She was preparing a delicious chicken soup. She cut her finger.

Part 2 Answers

1. **After saying** goodbye at the airport, John and Mary started to cry.
2. **While playing** soccer on Saturday, Ji-sung hurt his ankle.
3. **Before going** to the gas station, she checked her wallet.
4. **After walking** into the class, the teacher looked at the clock and left.
5. **Before watching** TV, you have to finish your homework.
6. **While driving** to Toronto, my car ran out of gas.
7. **After selling** his Sonata, Mr. Kim cancelled his car insurance.
8. **While preparing** a delicious chicken soup, she cut her finger.