

Micro Lesson 1: Practice Writing Complex Sentences Worksheet 9-2

Part 1. Sentence Practice

Make a complex sentence by adding your details. For example:

Because _____, my dog needs a bath.

- Because **it played in the mud**, my dog needs a bath.

After _____, my family usually goes for a walk along the river.

- After **washing the dishes**, my family usually goes for a walk along the river.

Questions:

1. After _____, Gerry's knee started to hurt.
2. Until _____, the baby cried non-stop.
3. If _____, they become more peaceful.
4. Although _____, many of them don't like reading.
5. Even though _____, I failed the English exam.
6. When _____, people buy less.
7. While _____, mom and the kids watched TV.
8. Because _____, going to the supermarket on Saturday morning is not a good idea.
9. Since _____, millions of people have purchased smart phones.
10. Before _____, please go to the bakery and buy some bread.

Part 2. More Sentence Practice

Read the two sentences. Join them into one complex sentence.

For example:

The party ended. We went to the beach to watch the sunset.

- **After** the party ended, we went to the beach to watch the sunset.

Questions:

1. Janet is going to Cuba. There are beautiful beaches and old cars in Cuba.
2. Jack chopped the vegetables. David barbecued the chicken.
3. The baseball fans started to throw cans at the players. I called the police.
4. We got to the movie theater 30 minutes before the film started. The best seats were already taken.
5. I wake up in the morning. I make a pot of coffee.

Micro Lesson 1: Practice Writing Complex Sentences - Possible Answers Worksheet 9-3

Part 1. Sentence Practice

1. After **falling down the stairs**, Gerry's knee started to hurt.
2. Until **his mother arrived**, the baby cried non-stop.
3. If **people live near a forest**, they become more peaceful.
4. Although **my students love studying English**, many of them don't like reading.
5. Even though **I studied every night for two months**, I failed the English exam.
6. When **the price of gas goes up**, people buy less.
7. While **dad cooked the steaks on the barbecue**, mom and the kids watched TV.
8. Because **of the long lines and lack of parking**, going to the supermarket on Saturday morning is not a good idea.
9. Since **2013**, millions of people have purchased smart phones.
10. Before **leaving school**, please go to the bakery and buy some bread.

Part 2. More Sentence Practice

1. Janet is going to Cuba. There are beautiful beaches and old cars in Cuba.
 - **Because** of the beautiful beaches and old cars, Janet is going to Cuba.
 - Janet is going to Cuba **because** of the beautiful beaches and old cars.
2. Jack chopped the vegetables. David barbecued the chicken.
 - **While** Jack chopped the vegetables, David barbecued the chicken.
 - Jack chopped the vegetables **while** David barbecued the chicken.
3. The baseball fans started to throw cans at the players. I called the police.
 - **When** the baseball fans started to throw cans at the players, I called the police.
 - I called the police **when** the baseball fans started to throw cans at the players.
4. We got to the movie theater 30 minutes before the film started. The best seats were already taken.
 - **Even though** we got to the movie theater 30 minutes before the film started, the best seats were already taken.
 - The best seats were already taken **even though** we got to the movie theater 30 minutes before the film started.
5. I wake up in the morning. I make a pot of coffee.
 - **After** I wake up in the morning, I make a pot of coffee.
 - I make a pot of coffee **after** I wake up in the morning.

Micro Lesson 2: Practice Writing Complex Sentences Worksheet 9-4

Part 1. Sentence Practice

Read the two sentences. Join them into a complex sentence. For example:

Polar bears are cute. The mothers are dangerous.

- **Even though** polar bears are cute, the mothers are dangerous.

Questions:

1. The Giants lost the game. Two star players were hurt.
2. Your shoulder hurts. You should stop lifting weights.
3. I would rather stay home and watch movies. I have to go to work.
4. The fire alarm rang. The children slept.

Part 2. Paragraph Practice

Read the text. Rewrite the text by combing **a few** sentences to make complex sentences.

Pizza has a long history. Some people say pizza comes from ancient Greece. That pizza was just flat bread with oil. Modern pizza, a flat bread with cheese and toppings, probably started in Naples, Italy in the 1700s. It was cheap and sold in markets. At that time, pizza was considered peasant food. Pizza became popular across Italy when an Italian queen in the 1760s tasted cheese pizza and loved it. For hundreds of years, pizza was not popular outside Italy. In the 1940s, pizza became a global food as Italian immigrants and World War 2 soldiers wanted to experience the taste of Naples.

Micro Lesson 2: Practice Writing Complex Sentences - Possible Answers Worksheet 9-5

Part 1. Sentence Practice

Read the two sentences. Join them into one complex sentence.

1. The Giants lost the game. Two star players were hurt.
 - **Because** two star players were hurt, the Giants lost the game.
 - The Giants lost the game **because** two star players were hurt.
2. Your shoulder hurts. You should stop lifting weights.
 - **If** your shoulder hurts, you should stop lifting weights.
 - You should stop lifting weights **if** your shoulder hurts.
3. I would rather stay home and watch movies. I have to go to work.
 - **Although** I would rather stay home and watch movies, I have to go to work.
 - I have to go to work **although** I would rather stay home and watch movies.
4. The fire alarm rang. The children slept.
 - **While** the fire alarm rang, the children slept.
 - The children slept **while** the fire alarm rang.

Part 2. Paragraph Practice

Read the text. Rewrite the text by combing *a few* sentences to make complex sentences.

One possible answer:

Pizza has a long history. **Although** some people say pizza comes from ancient Greece, that food was just flat bread with oil. Modern pizza, a flat bread with cheese and toppings, probably started in Naples, Italy in the 1700s. **Since** it was cheap and sold in markets, pizza was considered peasant food at that time. **After** an Italian queen in the 1760s tasted cheese pizza and loved it, pizza became popular across Italy. For hundreds of years, pizza was not popular outside Italy. **Because** Italian immigrants and World War 2 soldiers wanted to experience the taste of Naples, pizza became a global food in the 1940s.