

COMPLEX SENTENCES

Task 1. Provide a fitting subordinator to fill the gaps in these sentences.

1. I'm going to the bank _____ I need some money.
2. I made lunch _____ I got home.
3. _____ it's raining, she's going for a walk in the park.
4. _____ she finishes her homework soon, she will fail the class.
5. He decided to trust Tim _____ he was an honest man.
6. _____ we went to school, she decided to investigate the situation.
7. Jennifer decided to leave Tom _____ he was too worried about his job.
8. Dennis bought a new jacket _____ he had received one as a gift last week.
9. Brandley claims that there will be trouble _____ he doesn't complete the job.
10. Janice will have finished the report _____ the time you receive the letter.

Task 2. Choose the answer which is a complex sentence.

1. ? Eating junk food isn't healthy.
 - ? We know junk food is unhealthy, but most of us eat it anyway.
 - ? People that eat a lot of junk food should change their diet.
 - ? Hamburgers, fries and other fast foods are convenient, so many people eat them.
2. ? Getting enough sleep is important, especially for students.
 - ? Students always seem to have a lot of homework to do at night.
 - ? She usually does her homework and goes to bed.
 - ? As soon as she has finished her homework, she usually goes to bed.
3. ? I'll help you, but these things have to be put away first.
 - ? Where do you want me to put these things?
 - ? After I finish putting these things away, I'll give you a hand.
 - ? I'll put these things away, and then give you a hand.
4. ? It's important to save plants and animals from extinction.
 - ? Studying about animals that are extinct must be interesting.
 - ? Many plants are used to make medicines.
 - ? Dinosaurs became extinct millions of years ago, so our knowledge of them is based on fossils and other remains.
5. ? They heard a noise, and then she saw a strange light.

- ? They were afraid because of the strange light.
 - ? There was a noise and then a strange light appeared.
 - ? She saw a strange light after they heard a noise.
6. ? Parents love us and teach us many things.
- ? Among all of your friends, who has had the most influence on you?
 - ? Parents are also teachers.
 - ? What is the most important thing that you learned from your parents?
7. ? For the past several months, the bank has been trying to improve customer service.
- ? The bank is growing because new banking policies make borrowing money easier.
 - ? Customer service has improved a lot because of new banking policies.
 - ? The bank has grown substantially during the last few years.
8. ? The city of Budapest is divided in half by the majestic Danube River.
- ? Rivers like the Danube were water highways in Europe a long time ago.
 - ? The Danube River must be an awesome and breathtaking sight.
 - ? We were impressed by the Danube River when we visited Budapest.
9. ? She didn't have much experience, so another candidate got the job.
- ? She didn't get the job although she had a lot of experience.
 - ? Training is important, but so is experience.
 - ? She got the job because of her experience.
10. ? Divorce is a big problem here in Canada, and becoming bigger each year.
- ? Children who have divorced parents have many difficulties.
 - ? Being the children of divorced parents must be very difficult.
 - ? Divorce makes life difficult for children as well as parents.
11. ? Agatha Christie, who wrote many novels, was my favourite author.
- ? One of the most popular mystery writers of all time was Agatha Christie.
 - ? Agatha Christie was a wonderful writer, so many people enjoyed her novels.
 - ? Agatha Christie wrote many novels and was very famous.
12. ? The Pony Express was a company which delivered the mail in the old west.
- ? There are many interesting frontier stories about the Pony Express.
 - ? A long time ago, delivering mail in the U.S. was a difficult and often dangerous job.

? The Pony Express delivered mail in the U.S. before the Civil War, and stayed in business for 18 months.

13. ? Soccer and baseball are my favourite sports.

? Many boys learn to play hockey when they are quite young.

? Many young Canadian boys hope to become professional hockey players one day.

? Soccer is a popular sport all over the world.

Task 3. Use subordinating conjunctions (though, if, when, because, etc.) to connect the sentences into one complex sentence.

1. Henry needs to learn English. I will teach him.

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2. It was raining outside. We went for a walk.

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3. Jenny needs to ask me. I will buy it for her.

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4. Yvonne played golf extremely well. She was very young.

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5. Franklin wants to get a new job. He is preparing for job interviews.

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6. I'm writing a letter, and I'm leaving. You will find it tomorrow.

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7. Marvin thinks he will buy the house. He just wants to know what his wife thinks.

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8. Cindy and David had breakfast. They left for work.

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9. I really enjoyed the concert. The music was too loud.

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10. Alexander has been working sixty hours a week. There is an important presentation next week.

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