

Clauses and complex sentences

Match each subordinate clause in column B with a suitable main clause in column A to form a complex sentence. Right your complex sentence is on the next page.

Column B
• since her mother had a headache
• in order to win the scholarship
• as she did not understand the jokes
• that perspiration dripped from his brow
• as much as my mother does
• because she realized she would not have to sing solo
• So that he will have less trouble adjusting to this school
• so that I could help you prepare for the party
• that she prefers to go hungry then make a sandwich to eat
• that tears rolled down his cheeks
• that his health was seriously affected

Column A	Column B
1. Jane sighed with relief	
2. I'm going to help the new student	
3. He worked so hard	
4. I came early	
5. Tom's old aunt did not enjoy the show	
6. He laughed so much	
7. Jane thought it best to turn off the music	
8. The sun was so hot	
9. My sister is so lazy	
10. My father doesn't like pears	
11. He studied very hard	

Subordinating conjunctions are used to combine an dependent clause here are some examples of some common subordinating conjunctions.

After	even if	that
before	even though	unless
once	if	until
although	if only	when
as	in order to	whenever
as if	now that	where
as long as	rather than	where is
because	while	than

Now practice doing your own sentences using the subordinating conjunctions above.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____