Complex Sentences Worksheet



1. Example Sentences - 2 possible structures

- **(When) I got home**, it start**ed** to rain.
- It started to rain **when I got home**.

When **the car was repaired**, I took a nap.

- **While** I **was** cook**ing,** my phone **rang**.
- **Before** you leave, please check your email.

- **As soon as** I finished the call, I sent the report.
- **After** I graduated, I moved to another city.
- **As** I walked down the street, I saw my old teacher.
- Until you try it, you won't know if you like it.
- Since I met you, my English has improved a lot.
- Because it was late, we decided to take a taxi.
- **Although** I was tired, I finished the project.
- I finished the project although I was tired.

- **Even though++** it was expensive, we bought it.

- **Though** the weather was bad, we went hiking. (formal)
- We went hiking **though** the weather was bad. (formal)

Common in speaking

- We went hiking… the weather was bad **though**.
- We went hiking, **but** the weather was bad **though**.
- It's sunny, but it's cold though.

- If it rains tomorrow, we'll stay home.
- **Once/When/After** you understand the rule, it becomes easy.

Since - 2 meanings

1. (**from a time in the past until now**)

Since I moved to Vancouver, my skin has gotten so dry.

> I have lived in Vancouver **since July**.

> I have loved soccer **since I went to my first game in 2011.**

> I have had lots of hair **since I was born.**

2. (**because**)

> Since I missed the bus, I was late to class.

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> I am learning English **since/as/because** I want to be a pilot.

As

1. Because - I am learning English **since/as/because** I want to be a pilot.

2. As/While - As I was driv**ing** to work, I was listening to a podcast in English. (at the same time)

2. Gap-Fill Exercise

Choose the correct word from the list: **when / while / before / as soon as / after / as / until / since / because / although / even though / though / if / once**

1. **When/As soon as** I saw him, I knew something was wrong.

2. We can’t start the meeting **until/before** everyone arrives.

3. **After/Once/When** you finish dinner, please wash the dishes.

4. She smiled **after/when*/because/as** she opened the gift.

5. **While/When** I was liv**ing** in Mexico, I learned Spanish.

6. **I've** liked coffee **SINCE** I was a teenager.

I **liked** coffee **when** I was teenager.

WHEN - FINISHED TIME IN THE PAST

I'VE LIKED - UNTIL NOW >> SINCE

7. **WHILE*/WHEN** I was running, I listened to music.

8. ALTHOUGH/EVEN THOUGH I studied hard, I didn't pass the test.

OR

I STUDIED HARD, BUT I DIDN'T PASS THE TEST THOUGH.

9. If you study every day, your English will improve.

10. **If/When/As soon** as you press this button, the machine will start.

11. **Even though/Although** he's my friend, I don't always agree with him.

12. **When/Before** I got home, my phone battery died.

13. I didn't go out **as**/while/**since/because** I was feeling sick.

14. We stayed at the restaurant **until** midnight.

3. Speaking Prompts

1. What do you usually do when you wake up?
2. What do you like to do while you're traveling?
3. What do you always do before you go to bed?
4. What's something you do as soon as you get home?
5. What did you do after you finished school?
6. What do you usually do as you're getting ready in the morning?
7. What can't you do until you have coffee?
8. How has your life changed since last year?
9. What do you do because you care about your health?
10. What's something you did although you were afraid?
11. What do you enjoy even though it's difficult?

12. What do you still do though you don't have much time?

13. What will you do if you have a day off tomorrow?

14. What will you do once you finish this course?

4. Sentence-Combining Activity - homework (writing)

1. I was cooking dinner. My sister called. → _____

2. I'll go for a walk. It stops raining. → _____

3. I moved to Canada. I improved my English. → _____

4. I felt sick. I went to work. → _____

5. I read the instructions. I turned on the machine. → _____

6. We waited. The movie started. → _____

7. I'll help you. You ask me. → _____

8. The lights went out. We were eating dinner. → _____