

Complex Sentences

Name: _____

Join each pair using *because*, *although*, *when*, *if* or *so that*. Try starting some sentences with the joining word.

1. We stayed inside. It was pouring.

2. He kept running. His side hurt.

3. I will call you. The train arrives.

4. The dog hid under the bed. The fireworks started.

5. You can borrow it. You bring it back Friday.

6. She spoke quietly. Everyone leaned in to hear.

7. We left early. The roads were clear.

8. The plant survived. Nobody watered it for a month.

9. Write it down. You will forget by Tuesday.

10. The gate was locked. We climbed the fence.

11. She saved all summer. She could buy the bike.

Complex Sentences — Answer Key

1. We stayed inside because it was pouring. / Because it was pouring, we stayed inside.
2. He kept running although his side hurt.
3. I will call you when the train arrives.
4. The dog hid under the bed when the fireworks started.
5. You can borrow it if you bring it back Friday.
6. She spoke quietly, so that everyone leaned in to hear.
7. We left early because the roads were clear.
8. The plant survived although nobody watered it for a month.
9. Write it down so that you do not forget by Tuesday.
10. Because the gate was locked, we climbed the fence.
11. She saved all summer so that she could buy the bike.

When the joining word starts the sentence, a comma goes after the first part.