

SUBORDINATION: The Complex Sentence

Punctuation Drill

Read the sentences below, underline the subordinating conjunctions, and punctuate the sentences properly following the rules for subordination.

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2. I like to fly gliders because I love the silent speed.
3. Although Amy asked the question she really should research the answer herself.
4. Ralph likes steak when it is cooked rare.
5. Since Rafael left early he missed the last inning.
6. While she finds it quite challenging Sheila likes her chemistry class.
7. Gus performed the Heimlich maneuver because his dog was choking.
8. Before Glenda came home last night she made a few phone calls.
9. I can't go to sleep tonight until I finish studying for my biology exam.
10. While it is cold outside some joggers still decided to wear shorts this morning.
11. When we visit Boston we go to the Gardner Museum.
12. Because she always returns home late after work on Wednesdays Ramona quickly heats a frozen dinner in the microwave since she is too tired to cook.
13. Derrick had to take a special driving course after he got a few speeding tickets.
14. Although the roof needs repairs no work in fixing it can be done unless the incessant rain stops.
15. Whenever he goes to parties Doug gives out his business card acting as if he owns a major corporation.
16. Her golden retriever ate the tin can since he likes tin cans.
17. If you want to play golf tomorrow I can be ready at nine o'clock.
18. Until Dianne hears from Munroe she can't be sure if Denise will get the job.
19. Brandon thought the coffee was too hot even though he added cold milk to it.
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Answers

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