

Compound and Complex Sentences Key

Join the two independent clauses to make a compound sentence.

1. Mike bought a pet snake, but his mother made him take it back to the store.
2. We all went hiking in the canyon, and I felt so tired afterwards.
3. I stayed up all night chatting online, so today, I can't stay awake in class.
4. Mary learned to play basketball in school, so she wants to become a professional basketball player.
5. James had a party and invited all of his friends, and they made a big mess.

Other
Acceptable
Answers

1. ,and
4. ,and
5. ,but

Join the two sentences, but change one of them to a dependent clause to make a complex sentence. Use the connector given. Put the independent clause first in some sentences, and put the dependent clause first in some sentences. Punctuate correctly.

1. Sara and Jill went to a baseball game although they don't really like baseball.
Although they don't really like baseball, Sara and Jill went to a baseball game.
2. If you can drive to my place, we can ride to the concert together.
We can ride to the concert together if you can drive to my place.
3. I don't have much energy now because I ate chocolate and soda for breakfast.
Because I ate chocolate and soda for breakfast, I don't have much energy now.
4. Since she learned to play the guitar, she always plays music for her friends.
She always plays music for her friends since she learned to play the guitar.
5. We were happy about our scores when our teacher gave back our tests.
When our teacher gave back our tests, we were happy about our scores.

Join the two sentences, but change one of them to a dependent clause to make a complex sentence. Use any connector that makes sense. Put the independent clause first in some sentences, and put the dependent clause first in some sentences. Punctuate correctly.

1. The children wanted to watch TV because it was snowing outside.
2. Since he can't fall asleep at night, Grandpa likes to sleep during the day.
3. We ride bicycles to the beach if we have a lot of free time on the weekend.
4. Since the pizza arrived hot and fresh, we gave the delivery man a good tip.
5. Although many students don't like homework, it helps them improve their English.

Other Acceptable
Answers

1. since
2. because
3. when, because
4. because
5. even though