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DATE: _____

Build a Complex Sentence

A. COMBINE THE IDEAS

Directions: Join each main clause with the subordinate clause using the conjunction in parentheses.

- The children went indoors. The rain began. (when)

- Liam finished his project. He had plenty of time. (because)

- Sara continued running. She was feeling tired. (although)

- We will visit the park. The weather improves. (if)

- Dad prepared dinner. Mom arrived home. (before)

B. CHOOSE THE BEST BEGINNING

Directions: Choose a subordinate clause from the box to complete each sentence.

because I was hungry | when the lights went out | although it was cold | if you finish your work

- _____, we went inside.
- I made a sandwich _____.
- _____, everyone became quiet.
- You can play outside _____.

C. EXPAND THE SENTENCE

Directions: Turn each simple sentence into a complex sentence by adding a subordinate clause.

1. The dog ran toward the gate.

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2. Maya opened her book.

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3. The students cheered.

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D. BE A SENTENCE BUILDER!

Directions: Write two original complex sentences. Use a different subordinating conjunction in each sentence.

Sentence 1:

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Sentence 2:

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★ CHALLENGE

Write a complex sentence that begins with a subordinate clause.

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