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EXPANDING SENTENCES: *Let's Get Complex!*

Great writers expand their sentences in order to include details and a variety of sentence types. A complex sentence has at least one independent clause and one dependent clause.

A subordinating conjunction connects an independent clause and a dependent clause. It helps make a complex sentence smooth.

Example: *When the timer goes off, the muffins are done.*

- Independent clause: *The muffins are done.*
- Dependent clause: *When the timer goes off,*
- Subordinating Conjunction: *When*

DIRECTIONS: Expand the simple sentences into complex sentences. Use the subordinating conjunction in parenthesis. Write your new sentence on the lines below. An example has been done for you.

1. The doctor walked quickly. (because)

The doctor walked quickly because his patient needed him.

2. I scored a 100 on my test. (even though)

Even though I barely got any sleep the night before, I scored a 100 on my test.

3. He swam in the pool. (until)

He swam in the pool until it was too dark to see.

4. The sky was bright blue. (after)

The sky was bright blue after the storm passed.

5. The woman sat down. (where)

The woman sat down where she would be able to see the television screen.

6. I will be there on time. (unless)

Unless there is bad traffic, I will be there on time.

7. The team will get a trophy. (if)

If they win the tournament this weekend, the team will get a trophy.

8. The baby will fall asleep. (when)

The baby will fall asleep when we go for a walk with the stroller.