# 8.2 Complex Sentences: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

**Answer ALL questions.**

**1** Identify the sentence type of each sentence below.

**(a)** Because the rain would not stop, the match was postponed. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Simple
- ☐ B) Compound
- ☐ C) Complex
- ☐ D) Compound-complex

**(b)** The bell rang and the students filed out of the hall. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Simple
- ☐ B) Compound
- ☐ C) Complex
- ☐ D) Compound-complex

**(c)** Nadia finished her homework before dinner. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Simple
- ☐ B) Compound
- ☐ C) Complex
- ☐ D) Compound-complex

**(d)** Although the museum was crowded, Tom found the dinosaur exhibit, and he stayed there for an hour. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Simple
- ☐ B) Compound
- ☐ C) Complex
- ☐ D) Compound-complex


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**2** Add the missing comma to each sentence.

**(a)** Although the rain had stopped puddles covered the path. **(1)**

**(b)** When the whistle blew the players ran onto the pitch. **(1)**

**(c)** Since no one answered the door I left a note. **(1)**

**3** State whether the subordinate clause in each sentence is FRONTED (at the start), EMBEDDED (in the middle) or at the END of the sentence.

**(a)** Although the bus was late, we still arrived on time. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Fronted
- ☐ B) Embedded
- ☐ C) End

**(b)** The cake, which Amara had baked herself, was the star of the party. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Fronted
- ☐ B) Embedded
- ☐ C) End

**(c)** We left early because the traffic looked bad on the news. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Fronted
- ☐ B) Embedded
- ☐ C) End


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**4** Compare these two sentences: 'The rain finally stopped after three long days.' and 'After three long days, the rain finally stopped.' Explain one effect of opening the second sentence with the subordinate clause instead of the main clause.

**(2)**

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**5** Combine these three simple sentences into ONE complex sentence containing TWO subordinate clauses: 'The weather improved. The team trained outside. They wanted to prepare for the final.'

**(3)**


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## Question 1

(a) C) Complex — **B1**

(a) Answer: **C**

(b) B) Compound — **B1**

(b) Answer: **B**

(c) A) Simple — **B1**

(c) Answer: **A**

(d) D) Compound-complex — **B1**

(d) Answer: **D**

## Question 2

(a) comma added after 'stopped', cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **Although the rain had stopped, puddles covered the path.**

(b) comma added after 'blew', cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **When the whistle blew, the players ran onto the pitch.**

(c) comma added after 'door', cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **Since no one answered the door, I left a note.**

## Question 3

(a) A) Fronted — **B1**

(a) Answer: **A**

(b) B) Embedded — **B1**

(b) Answer: **B**

(c) C) End — **B1**

(c) Answer: **C**

## Question 4

identifies an effect, e.g. fronting the time clause builds anticipation or emphasises how long the wait felt — **B1**

develops the effect with reference to the sentence, e.g. delaying the main clause ('the rain finally stopped') makes the relief of the ending feel stronger (oe) — **B1**

Answer: **Fronting the subordinate clause delays the main point of the sentence, building a small sense of anticipation around the phrase 'three long days'; this makes the arrival of the main clause, and the relief it describes, feel more emphatic.**

## Question 5

first subordinate clause formed with an appropriate subordinating conjunction, e.g. 'because they wanted to prepare for the final' — **B1**

second subordinate clause formed with an appropriate subordinating conjunction, e.g. 'once the weather improved' — **B1**

overall sentence grammatically correct and correctly punctuated, cao — **B1**

Answer: **Because they wanted to prepare for the final, the team trained outside once the weather improved.**


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