

Answers for Sentence Combining Exercise Using Coordination and Subordination



The following are versions of how these sentences might be combined. Other ways to combine them are possible. Check to see that you get the general idea of how to subordinate and coordinate.

1. Liddy knew only a few German phrases. Liddy often found these speeches very persuasive.
CO: Liddy knew only a few German phrases, **but** she often found these speeches very persuasive.
SUB: **Although** Liddy knew only a few German phrases, she often found these speeches very persuasive.
2. Grandmother lost her sight. Her hearing sharpened.
CO: Grandmother lost her sight, **but** her hearing sharpened.
SUB: **When** Grandmother lost her sight, her hearing sharpened.
3. Tom Baxter has been irritating me lately. I avoid him whenever possible.
CO: Tom Baxter has been irritating me lately, **so** I avoid him whenever possible.
SUB: **Because** Tom Baxter has been irritating me lately, I avoid him whenever possible.
4. Jason walked over to his new Miata. He saw that its windshield had been smashed.
CO: Jason walked over to his new Miata, **and** he saw that its windshield had been smashed.
SUB: **As** Jason walked over to his new Miata, he saw that its windshield had been smashed.
5. Catherine has weathered many hardships. She has rarely become discouraged.
CO: Catherine has weathered many hardships, **and** she has rarely become discouraged.
SUB: **Because** Catherine has rarely become discouraged, she has weathered many hardships.
6. The crew team finally returned to shore. They had a party on the beach. They celebrated the start of the season.
CO: The crew team finally returned to shore, **so** they had a party on the beach celebrating the start of the season.
SUB: **When** the crew team finally returned to shore, they had a party on the beach to celebrate the start of the season.
7. The job offers an attractive salary. It demands long work hours. Promotions are rapid.
CO: The job offers an attractive salary and rapid promotions, **but** it demands long work hours.
SUB: **Even though** the job offers an attractive salary and rapid promotions, it demands long work hours. Despite demanding long work hours, the job offers an attractive salary and rapid promotions.
8. Mary will graduate from high school in June. She has not yet decided on a college.
CO: Mary will graduate from high school in June, **but** she has not yet decided on a college.
SUB: **Although** Mary will graduate from high school in June, she has not yet decided on a college.

9. The Market Inn is located at 2nd and E. Streets. It doesn't look very impressive from the outside. The food, however, is excellent.

CO: The Market Inn, located at 2nd and E. Streets, doesn't look very impressive from the outside, **but** the food, however, is excellent.

SUB: **Even though** the Market Inn (located at 2nd and E. Streets) doesn't look very impressive from the outside, the food, however, is excellent.

10. Computers cannot think for the writer. Computers eliminate many mechanical writing tasks. They speed the flow of information.

CO: Computers may eliminate many mechanical writing tasks and speed the flow of information, **yet** they cannot think for the writer.

SUB: **Although** computers cannot think for the writer, they eliminate many mechanical writing tasks and speed the flow of information.