



Sentence Combining Exercise Using Coordination and Subordination

For each of the sentences below, combine them TWO ways: once using “coordination” and once using “subordination.” See Guide to Coordination and Subordination:

<http://www.alamo.edu/sac/english/lirvin/wguides/subcord.htm>

Example1: I stayed up all night studying for my Algebra exam. I was so tired all day today.

Coordinated: I stayed up all night studying for my Algebra **exam, so I** was so tired all day today.

Subordinated: **Because** I stayed up all night studying for my Algebra **exam, I** was so tired all day today.

Example2: John is a loyal employee. John is a motivated employee. John is short-tempered with his colleagues.

CO: John is a loyal, motivated **employee, but he** is short-tempered with his colleagues.

SUB: **Although** John is a loyal, motivated **employee, he** is short-tempered with his colleagues.

1. Liddy knew only a few German phrases. Liddy often found these speeches very persuasive.
2. Grandmother lost her sight. Her hearing sharpened.
3. 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.
5. Catherine has weathered many hardships. She has rarely become discouraged.
6. The crew team finally returned to shore. They had a party on the beach. They celebrated the start of the season.
7. The job offers an attractive salary. It demands long work hours. Promotions are rapid.
8. 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.
10. Computers cannot think for the writer. Computers eliminate many mechanical writing tasks. They speed the flow of information.