

Complex Sentences Practice Exercise 1

Directions: In the following complex sentence, find the independent clause.

1. The team worked and trained very hard that summer until their coach told them to take a break.
 - A. The team worked and trained very hard that summer until their coach
 - B. until their coach told them to take a break
 - C. The team worked and trained very hard that summer

2. Whenever his little brother comes home, Stephen goes outside and plays.
 - A. Whenever his little brother comes home
 - B. his little brother comes home, Stephen goes
 - C. Stephen goes outside and plays

3. He paddled to the shore and built a sand castle while we waited for him.
 - A. He paddled to the shore
 - B. He paddled to the shore and built a sand castle
 - C. while we waited for him

4. Even though we had already seen the movie, we watched it again.
 - A. Even though we
 - B. had already watched the movie
 - C. we watched it again

5. Since Timothy passed French and placed out of Algebra, he only had to take three classes last semester.
 - A. Since Timothy passed French
 - B. Since Timothy passed French and placed out of Algebra
 - C. he only had to take three classes last semester

6. The ambulance flew down the highway while the police car rang its siren and trailed in the distance.
 - A. The ambulance flew down the highway
 - B. while the police car rang its siren
 - C. and trailed in the distance

7. Albert played saxophone and sang with the band because Tina was sick on Friday.
 - A. Albert played saxophone
 - B. Albert played saxophone and sang with the band
 - C. because Tina was sick on Friday

8. Whenever Sandy tells a joke, her friends laugh uncontrollably.
 - A. Whenever Sandy
 - B. Whenever Sandy tells a joke
 - C. her friends laugh uncontrollably

9. If she asks you to keep a secret, don't tell anyone.
 - A. If she asks you
 - B. If she asks you to keep a secret
 - C. don't tell anyone

10. Sally studied all night as if her entire grade depended on that one quiz.
 - A. Sally studied all night
 - B. as if her entire grade
 - C. depended on that one quiz

Answer Key: Complex Sentences Practice Exercise 1

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. A
7. B
8. C
9. C
10. A