

Compound-Complex Sentences Practice Exercise 1

Directions: In the following compound-complex sentence, find the dependent (subordinate) clause.

1. I can call my parents, or I can just walk home if you will let me.
 - A. I can call my parents
 - B. or I can just walk home
 - C. if you will let me

2. As soon as I received the invitation, I replied, and I called my friend.
 - A. As soon as I received the invitation
 - B. I replied
 - C. and I called my friend

3. I will answer your questions, and I will help you study because you are my best friend.
 - A. I will answer your questions
 - B. because you are my best friend
 - C. and I will help you study

4. Even though my pet parakeet is quite loud and talkative, we still love him, and he makes us laugh.
 - A. Even though my pet parakeet is quite loud and talkative
 - B. we still love him
 - C. and he makes us laugh

5. I like listening to records, and I like playing video games whenever my parents let me.
 - A. I like listening to records
 - B. and I like playing video games
 - C. whenever my parents let me

6. I know the way to school, but I may get lost unless we take a map with us.
 - A. I know the way to school
 - B. but I may get lost
 - C. unless we take a map with us

7. We drove to the mall, and we stopped by the bank since we were going to buy pants and shoes.
 - A. we stopped by the bank
 - B. We drove to the mall
 - C. since we were going to buy pants and shoes

8. Because Katherine is my good friend, I bought her a present, and I put it in her locker.
 - A. Because Katherine is my good friend
 - B. I bought her a present
 - C. and put it in her locker

9. The musicians were excellent, and we enjoyed their performance even though they were a bit loud.
 - A. The musicians were excellent
 - B. and we enjoyed their performance
 - C. even though they were a bit loud

10. After the blizzard ended, we ran outside, and we built a snowman.
 - A. we ran outside
 - B. After the blizzard ended
 - C. and we built a snowman

Answer Key: Compound-Complex Sentences Practice Exercise 1

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