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Complex Syntactic Categories: Adverbial Clauses
Worksheet 7

Exercise 1: Put a line under each adverbial clause in the following sentences and state its type:

1. Dave caught malaria while he was working on a construction project in Africa.
2. Strawberries are so cheap at the moment that we should make some jam.
3. We felt very nice and snug, as if there was a fire in the room.
4. He has put on a little weight despite he started doing this sedentary office job.
5. Hand washing needs to happen quite often even if you just have a snack, especially if from a self-service source.
6. There will be a shortage of water unless we get some rainfall soon.
7. I don't see why the boys can't go fishing as long as they promise to stay together and come back before it gets dark.
8. He was just as calm as anybody who could be under these circumstances.
9. Even if I would like to help you, I'm afraid I'm simply too busy at the moment.
10. I wasn't disappointed about not winning the final as I hadn't even expected to get as far as I had in the competition.

Exercise 2: Complete the following sentences by choosing one of the conjunctions given in the brackets:

1. The coach was full and the weather very hot, but the air conditioning wasn't working., the passengers were uncomfortable and many of them complained. (although, since, consequently)
2. She was late home.....she missed the bus. (as, because, that)
3. She was so late leaving the office..... she missed the bus. (when, that, as)
4. I found it exactly.....it was supposed to be. (when, where, because)
5.the council has provided places for us to take our empty bottles for recycling, many of us still throw glass bottles into the ordinary dustbins. (Even though, as, as soon as)
6. He was well-liked everybody in the firm gave generously towards the retirement present. (so... that, as...as, such...that)
7.the meeting finishes on time, I should be here by six. (if, providing, so)

Exercise 3: Reduce the following adverbial clauses if possible:

1. Before Nick left on his trip, his son gave him a big hug and a kiss.
2. As he was not there I left a message with his mother.
3. After Tom had worked hard in the garden all afternoon, he took a shower and then went to the movies with his friends.
4. Since a friend tries to do something hard, an American may say "Break a leg!" to wish him or her good luck.
5. Because he had not paid the bill, his electricity was cut off.
6. As scientists try to make sense of our senses, they also seek to imitate or even improve on them to serve us in new ways.
7. Although the pension was very reasonably priced, it was certainly not comfortable. Nevertheless, it had a beautiful shady garden and a roof terrace with a splendid view of the area.
8. Because he had not paid the bill, his electricity was cut off.
9. Residents of Asia saw the eclipse cut short by moonset while those in America had the moon already totally eclipsed by the time it rose.
10. Since he has apologized we will take no further action against him.

Exercise 4: Rewrite the sentence using the expressions in parentheses and make all the necessary changes in sentence structure.

Example: Their application was rejected owing to a number of shortcomings. (because)

➤ Their application was rejected because it contains a number of shortcomings.

1. He didn't hear the most interesting part of the lecture, but he was not late. (even if)
2. Since the number of students interested in that course is small, it will not be opened. (so that)
3. Some of the study regulations were difficult to understand. Accordingly, explanatory notes were added. (as)
4. The machine failed because it was poorly maintained. (due to)
5. He studied really hard. He wanted to get better marks. (in order to)
6. The floods were rising and it seems as if it is the end of the world. (as if)
7. High heat causes rapid loss of water due to sweating. (since)
8. In spite of the increased popularity and presence of online learning opportunities, however, many researchers and practitioners are decrying the lack of a research validated framework to guide their design. (Although)
9. The more cigarettes you smoke a day, and the longer you've smoked, the higher your risk of lung cancer. Similarly, the risk rises the deeper you inhale and the earlier in life you started smoking. (as)
10. Alcohol may have a sedative effect for the first hours following consumption, it can then lead to a non-restful night's sleep, however. (while)