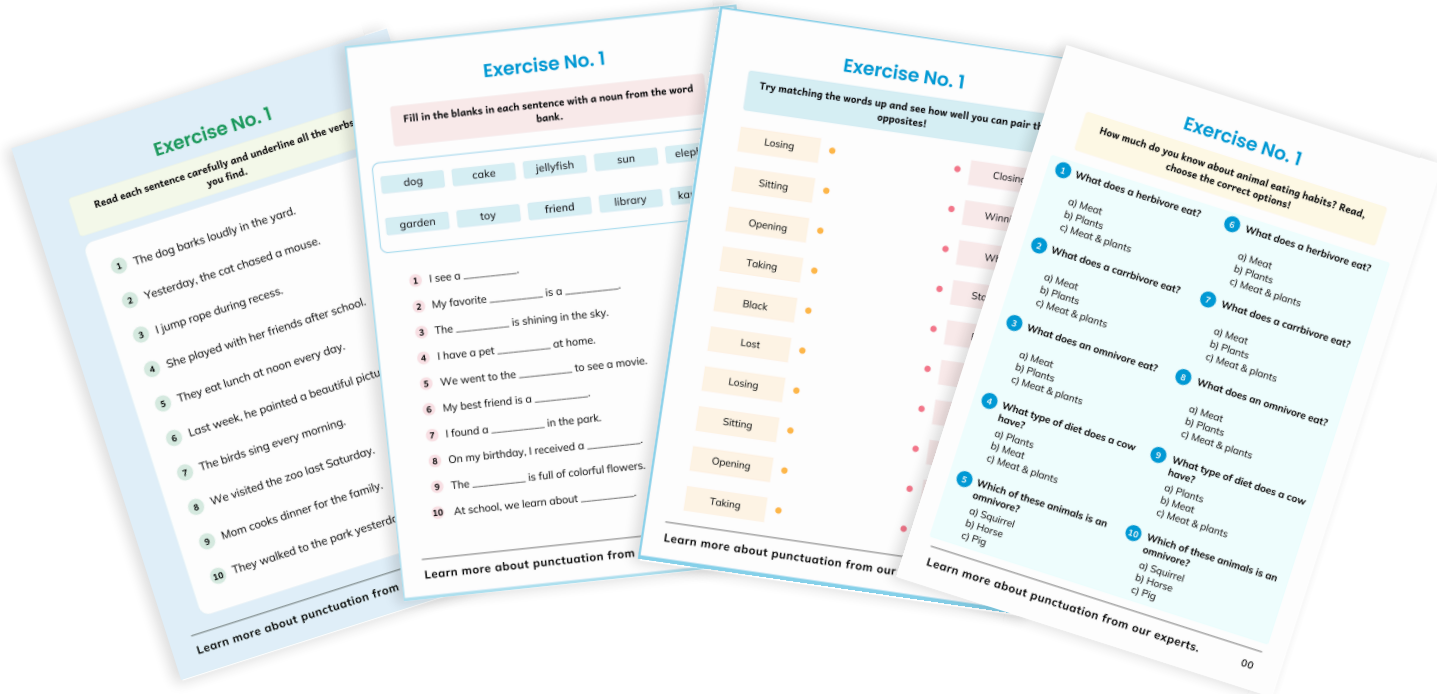




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Exercise No. 1

Choose the most suitable joining word to complete each sentence meaningfully.

- 1 The library was silent _____ students were revising.
a) however
b) therefore
c) while
- 2 Anaya packed snacks _____ the journey was long.
a) because
b) otherwise
c) meanwhile
- 3 _____ the coach arrived, players started warm-ups.
a) Although
b) When
c) Therefore
- 4 The café stayed open _____ heavy rain continued outside.
a) although
b) meanwhile
c) otherwise
- 5 Vivaan practiced coding diligently; _____, he improved quickly.
a) therefore
b) because
c) however
- 6 _____ the bell rang, students entered the assembly hall.
a) Meanwhile
b) After
c) Otherwise
- 7 The roads were flooded; _____, buses moved slowly.
a) however
b) moreover
c) therefore
- 8 Isha completed homework _____ she watched television.
a) otherwise
b) therefore
c) before
- 9 _____ the museum opened, visitors entered quietly.
a) After
b) Meanwhile
c) Therefore
- 10 The team celebrated loudly _____ they won the finals.
a) while
b) otherwise
c) because

Exercise No. 2

Complete each sentence using the most appropriate joining word from the word bank.

- 1 _____ the concert ended, families immediately returned home.
- 2 The players rested _____ practice finished late.
- 3 We stayed indoors _____ strong winds continued.
- 4 _____ Zayan studies carefully, he performs confidently.
- 5 _____ the teacher explained rules, students took notes.
- 6 _____ the bus arrived, passengers formed lines.
- 7 The streets became slippery _____ heavy rain started suddenly.
- 8 I revise grammar _____ exams are approaching.
- 9 _____ the match ended, reporters immediately interviewed players.
- 10 The chef smiled _____ guests praised the meal.

although

because

before

while

after

since

therefore

whenever

meanwhile

unless

Exercise No. 3

Tick the circle True if the statement about sentence expansion or combination is correct, or False if it is not.

	True	False
1 Sentence expansion adds extra details to ideas.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2 Combination sentences always use only one verb.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3 Joining words help connect related thoughts smoothly.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4 Complex combinations can improve writing quality.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5 Every long sentence is automatically well written.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6 Writers combine ideas to avoid repetition often.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7 Because can connect reason and result ideas.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8 Short sentences should never appear in essays.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9 Combined sentences may contain dependent clauses.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10 Sentence expansion never improves paragraph flow clearly.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Exercise No. 4

Underline the conjunction or joining word in each sentence and identify the ideas it connects.

- 1 Even though the hall was crowded, everyone stayed calm.
- 2 The players cheered because the captain scored.
- 3 When the bell rang, students packed their bags.
- 4 The shop closed after the workers cleaned the shelves.
- 5 Flights were delayed because the weather changed suddenly.
- 6 While the teacher explained, students listened carefully.
- 7 Before the movie started, guests found their seats.
- 8 The family stayed indoors although strong winds continued outside.
- 9 Although the road was slippery, the driver remained careful.
- 10 Whenever the alarm rang, guards checked the exits.

Exercise No. 5

Write meaningful sentences using the given joining words correctly in context.

- 1 Write a sentence using **however** to show contrast between two ideas.

- 2 Write a sentence using **because** to explain a reason clearly.

- 3 Write a sentence using **meanwhile** to show actions happening at the same time.

- 4 Write a sentence using **although** to show an unexpected contrast.

- 5 Write a sentence using **therefore** to show a result or consequence.

6 Write a sentence using **unless** to show a condition clearly.

7 Write a sentence using **before** to show the order of events.

8 Write a school-related sentence using two suitable joining words correctly.

9 Write a travel-related sentence using **after** to describe sequence.

10 Write a sports-related sentence using **since** to explain a reason.

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