Year 6 English: Joining sentences with conjunctions (Hard)

English · Grammar and punctuation · Level: Hard

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- There are 10 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Write your answers on this paper. Use the space under a question to work it out.
- A grown-up can read a question aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

1. Join the ideas in one sentence and keep all three: Dad lit the barbecue. The sausages sizzled. We all gathered round.

Circle one answer.

○ **A** After Dad lit the barbecue, the sausages sizzled.

○ **B** After Dad lit the barbecue, the sausages sizzled and we all gathered round.

○ **C** Dad lit the barbecue, the sausages sizzled, we all gathered round.

2. Join the ideas in one sentence and keep all three: Rain fell all night. The creek rose. The bridge closed.

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Because rain fell all night, the creek rose.

○ **B** Rain fell all night, the creek rose, the bridge closed.

○ **C** Because rain fell all night, the creek rose and the bridge closed.

3. Which is a complete sentence?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** So that she could see.

○ **B** Nina walked on stage although she was nervous.

○ **C** Although she was nervous.

4. Choose the word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

The bridge, _____ crosses the creek, is closed.

○ **A** which ○ **B** who ○ **C** whose

5. Use the joining word that fits the gap to make one sentence.

_____ the water was icy, Leo kept swimming.

Words to use: Because, Although, So

6. Use the joining word that fits the gap to make one sentence.

_____ the oven was broken, Dad baked a big cake.

Words to use: So, Because, Although

7. Choose the joining word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

She wrote the date in her diary _____ she would not forget it.

○ **A** although ○ **B** so that ○ **C** until

8. Choose the joining word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

Leo kept swimming _____ the water was icy.

○ **A** although ○ **B** because ○ **C** so that

9. Choose the joining word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

The bakery stayed open _____ the roof was leaking.

○ **A** so that ○ **B** although ○ **C** because

10. Which sentence means the same as 'Because the pump failed, the tank ran dry.'?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The tank ran dry because the pump failed.

○ **B** The pump failed because the tank ran dry.

○ **C** The tank ran dry although the pump failed.

Answer key

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1. B — After Dad lit the barbecue, the sausages sizzled and we all gathered round.
The best sentence keeps every idea and joins them with a joining word and the right commas.

2. C — Because rain fell all night, the creek rose and the bridge closed.
The best sentence keeps every idea and joins them with a joining word and the right commas.

3. B — Nina walked on stage although she was nervous.
A joining word with one idea cannot stand alone. Only the full sentence says what happened.

4. A — which
'which' is for things, so it fits here.

5. Although the water was icy, Leo kept swimming.
'Although' shows a surprise: the second idea is not what you would expect, so it joins the two ideas.

6. Although the oven was broken, Dad baked a big cake.
'Although' shows a surprise: the second idea is not what you would expect, so it joins the two ideas.

7. B — so that
'so that' shows the purpose, so it fits these two ideas.

8. A — although
'although' shows a surprise: the second idea is not what you would expect, so it fits these two ideas.

9. B — although
'although' shows a surprise: the second idea is not what you would expect, so it fits these two ideas.

10. A — The tank ran dry because the pump failed.
The tank ran dry because the pump failed. The reason (the pump failed) stays the same, even though it moves.