Year 6 English: Joining sentences with conjunctions (Medium)

English · Grammar and punctuation
Level: Medium

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. Tick both joining words.

Tick every answer that fits.

Mia packed her bag and left before the bus arrived.

☐ **A** Mia ☐ **B** packed ☐ **C** her ☐ **D** bag ☐ **E** and
☐ **F** left ☐ **G** before ☐ **H** the ☐ **I** bus ☐ **J** arrived

2. Tick both joining words.

Tick every answer that fits.

I will go if you come and I will bring a torch.

☐ **1** I ☐ **2** will ☐ **3** go ☐ **4** if ☐ **5** you
☐ **6** come ☐ **7** and ☐ **8** I ☐ **9** will ☐ **10** bring
☐ **11** a ☐ **12** torch

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

_____ the wind blows, the windmill turns.

Words to use: Unless, Whenever, Although

4. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Unless the rain stops, the match will be cancelled.

○ **B** Unless the rain, stops the match will be cancelled.

○ **C** Unless the rain stops the match will be cancelled.

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5. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The crowd cheered after the band finished.

○ **B** The crowd cheered after, the band finished.

○ **C** The crowd cheered, after the band finished.

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6. Choose the joining word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

The match will be cancelled _____ the rain stops.

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

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

The ferries stopped _____ a storm hit.

Words to use: so, because, although

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8. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Unless the rain stops the match will be postponed.

○ **B** Unless, the rain stops the match will be postponed.

○ **C** Unless the rain stops, the match will be postponed.

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9. Which sentence is correct?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The author whose novel won the prize spoke at our school.

○ **B** The author who novel won the prize spoke at our school.

○ **C** The author which novel won the prize spoke at our school.

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10. Which sentence uses 'until' correctly?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** We waited by the gate until.
- ○ **B** We waited by the gate until, the last bus left.
- ○ **C** We waited by the gate until the last bus left.

Answer key

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1. E — and; G — before
   The joining words are and and before. Each one links two ideas.
2. 4 — if; 7 — and
   The joining words are if and and. Each one links two ideas.
3. Whenever the wind blows, the windmill turns.
   'Whenever' tells every time, so it joins the two ideas.
4. A — Unless the rain stops, the match will be cancelled.
   When the joining idea comes first, a comma goes after it and before the main idea.
5. A — The crowd cheered after the band finished.
   When the joining idea comes second, no comma goes before until, after or before.
6. B — unless
   'unless' gives a condition: it only happens if the other thing does not, so it fits these two ideas.
7. The ferries stopped because a storm hit.
   'because' gives the reason, so it joins the two ideas.
8. C — Unless the rain stops, the match will be postponed.
   Unless the rain stops, the match will be postponed. When the joining idea comes first, a comma follows it, before the main idea.
9. A — The author whose novel won the prize spoke at our school.
   The author whose novel won the prize spoke at our school. 'Whose' links the author to the novel she owns or wrote.
10. C — We waited by the gate until the last bus left.
    We waited by the gate until the last bus left. When the joining idea comes second, no comma is needed, and the joining word needs its own idea.