

Grammar workshop

Grade band: Grades 6–8

Name: _____ Date: _____

Learning goal

Distinguish main and subordinate clauses and combine ideas without creating fragments or comma splices.

Study the model

Although it rained, we played outside. “We played outside” stands alone; “Although it rained” needs the main clause.

1 • Notice and practise

Mark M for a main clause or S for a subordinate clause.

a. because the lights went out

b. the audience waited quietly

c. although the journey was long

d. we reached the coast

2 • Apply the idea

Combine each pair with the connector given. Add a comma where needed.

a. The team practised. It wanted to improve. (because)

b. The experiment failed. We learned from it. (although)

c. The bell rang. The students packed away. (when)

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3 • Create your own

Repair the fragment and comma splice, then explain one change.

- a. Although the library was closed.

- b. The data looked promising, the sample was too small.

Stretch your thinking

Write one sentence in which moving the subordinate clause changes the emphasis.

Reflect and revise

Write an accurate sentence beginning “Although...” and underline the main clause.

Before you finish

- ☐ I completed every task and showed my thinking.
- ☐ I used the model and checked my work.
- ☐ I can explain one choice I made.

One thing I would improve next time:
