Clause Connection Check

Sort sentences that use subordinating conjunctions.

5.L.GC.1.39 "Grammar: Use subordinating conjunctions to join clauses. (Master)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

COMPLETE SENTENCE

A subordinating conjunction can begin a dependent clause. A complete sentence also has an independent clause that expresses a complete thought.

While the soup simmered, Dad set the table.

FRAGMENT

A fragment begins with a subordinating conjunction but does not include an independent clause. It leaves the thought unfinished.

Though the parade moved slowly.

1 SORT

8 items

In Part 1, circle COMPLETE or FRAGMENT for each item, and in Part 2, choose two items and explain how you knew.

1.	Because the trail was muddy, we wore boots.	COMPLETE FRAGMENT
2.	The owl hooted when the moon rose.	COMPLETE FRAGMENT
3.	Although Maya practiced every day.	COMPLETE FRAGMENT
4.	If the paint dries quickly, we can hang the picture.	COMPLETE FRAGMENT
5.	Since the library was closed.	COMPLETE FRAGMENT
6.	After the game ended.	COMPLETE FRAGMENT
7.	Before the bus arrived, we packed lunch.	COMPLETE FRAGMENT
8.	Unless you bring a map, you may get lost.	COMPLETE FRAGMENT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new COMPLETE sentence and one new FRAGMENT that begin with subordinating conjunctions.

COMPLETE _____

FRAGMENT _____

CHALLENGE

Choose your FRAGMENT and turn it into a COMPLETE sentence by adding an independent clause.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Because the trail was muddy, we wore boots.	**COMPLETE**	The dependent clause beginning with Because is joined to the independent clause we wore boots.
2	The owl hooted when the moon rose.	**COMPLETE**	The independent clause The owl hooted is joined to the dependent clause when the moon rose.
3	Although Maya practiced every day.	**FRAGMENT**	Although begins a dependent clause, but there is no independent clause.
4	If the paint dries quickly, we can hang the picture.	**COMPLETE**	The dependent clause beginning with If is joined to the independent clause we can hang the picture.
5	Since the library was closed.	**FRAGMENT**	Since begins a dependent clause, but the sentence does not finish the thought.
6	After the game ended.	**FRAGMENT**	After begins a dependent clause, but there is no independent clause.
7	Before the bus arrived, we packed lunch.	**COMPLETE**	The dependent clause beginning with Before is joined to the independent clause we packed lunch.
8	Unless you bring a map, you may get lost.	**COMPLETE**	The dependent clause beginning with Unless is joined to the independent clause you may get lost.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **COMPLETE**: When the bell rang, students lined up.
- **FRAGMENT**: Unless the wind calms down.

Challenge: Unless the wind calms down, the sailors will stay in port.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 are COMPLETE. Items 3, 5, and 6 are FRAGMENT. In Part 2, students should name the dependent clause and explain whether an independent clause is present.