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whenever	where	as soon as	wherever
since	while	because	so that
before	even though	though	once

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3. you want to come to my house it's all right with my mother.

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Actual student's answers may vary. Examples of correct answers:

1. it was late John came home

It was late when John came home.

2. Amy sees flowers she smiles

Whenever Amy sees flowers, she smiles.

3. you want to come to my house it's all right with my mother.

If you want to come to my house, it's all right with my mother.

4. the rain is over the children will go out and play

As soon as the rain is over, the children will go out and play.

5. the dog was shy it wagged its tail

Although the dog was shy, it wagged its tail.

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I'll wait at the library until it closes.

7. Shelley will be the captain Casey wants to be

Shelley will be the captain although Casey wants to be.

8. Lisa can go to the park her class is over

Lisa can go to the park whenever her class is over.