

Fluency Builder Worksheet 1:

Linkers and Connectors

Part A – Complete the Sentences

Choose the correct linker from the box.

because • although • therefore • instead of • as soon as • due to • in order to • that's why

1. I stayed home _____ I was tired after working late.
 2. _____ she knew many English words, she still struggled to speak fluently.
 3. He studies every day _____ improve his English.
 4. The flight was delayed _____ bad weather.
 5. I don't memorize long word lists. _____, I practice sentence patterns.
 6. The course focused only on vocabulary. _____, many students couldn't communicate naturally.
 7. _____ I finish work, I'll call you.
 8. She watches English videos every day. _____ her listening has improved so much.
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Part B – Match the Halves

Match the sentence beginnings (A) with the endings (B).

A

B

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| 1. The reason is that... | a. ...I would practice speaking every day. |
| 2. If I were you... | b. ...I don't translate in my head anymore. |
| 3. It depends on... | c. ...the student hasn't practiced enough. |
| 4. What I mean is... | d. ...how much time you spend studying. |

Answers:

- 1 _____
 - 2 _____
 - 3 _____
 - 4 _____
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Part C – Combine the Ideas

Use the linker given in brackets.

Example

I was tired. I went to bed early. (*because*)

→ I went to bed early because I was tired.

1. I wanted to improve my speaking. I practiced sentence patterns. (*in order to*)

2. She knew many words. She couldn't speak confidently. (*although*)

3. It started raining. We stayed home. (*therefore*)

4. He watched English videos. He listened to podcasts. (*not only... but also*)

5. I don't memorize dialogues. I create my own sentences. (*instead of*)

Part D – Rewrite Using the Prompt

Rewrite each sentence using the sentence construction provided.

Example

She was late because of traffic.

(*The reason why...*)

→ The reason why she was late was traffic.

1. I can't decide right now.

(*It depends on...*)

2. The result surprised everyone.

(*It turns out that...*)

3. I want to explain my idea clearly.

(*What I mean is...*)

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4. She studies grammar and vocabulary.
(*Not only... but also...*)
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Part E – Correct the Sentence

Each sentence contains a mistake with a linker or construction. Correct it.

1. Because of she was tired, she stayed home.
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2. Although he was hungry but he didn't eat.
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3. I studied hard therefore I passed the exam.
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4. The reason why is because I was busy.
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5. In order improve my English, I read every day.
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Part F – Sentence Builder Expansion

Complete each sentence with your own ideas.

1. The reason why I want to improve my English is that
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2. If I were learning a new language, I would
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3. It turns out that
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4. As far as I know,
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5. What I mean is
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6. Not only do I study English, but I also

Part G – Fluency Challenge

Use **at least FIVE** of the following expressions in a paragraph of 80–120 words.

- because
- although
- instead of
- therefore
- in order to
- The reason why...
- What I mean is...
- It turns out that...
- Not only... but also...
- As far as I know...

Topic:

"How I am improving my English."

Part H – Native Speaker Chunks

Complete the chunks naturally.

1. On the other hand, _____
2. As far as I know, _____

3. The thing is, _____

4. It turns out that _____

5. What I mean is _____
