Writing Complex Sentences

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**Actual answers will vary. Examples of correct answers:**

1. **Because they were out of sugar, they couldn’t make a cake.**

2. **The tiger went hunting when it was hungry.**

3. **Our teacher graded the papers while we read our books.**

4. **The ghost floated up the stairs until the boy turned on the lights.**

5. **If it does not rain, we’re going to the circus.**

6. **Emma and Kate went to the library near the school after they finished their homework.**

7. **She will dance in the show unless her foot hurts.**

8. **Since the storm is coming, the big window is closed.**