

More Practice Reducing Adverb Clauses Answer Key

Change one of the two sentences to an adverb clause to combine the two sentences. Use the connector given in parentheses (). Then reduce the adverb clause. Write no reduction if it cannot be reduced.

Ex. She was able to take a trip to Mexico. She used the money she won in the lottery.
(because)

Because she used the money she won in the lottery, she was able to take a trip to Mexico.
Using the money she won in the lottery, she was able to take a trip to Mexico.

1. Brian read a book to his son. Brian fell asleep. (while)
While reading a book to his son, Brian fell asleep.
2. The teacher has been grading essays. The bell rang. (since)
no reduction
3. Molly bought a new dress. Molly lost a lot of weight. (after)
After losing a lot of weight, Molly bought a new dress.
4. The mailman left a package. The mailman smiled and waved. (while)
While leaving a package, the mailman smiled and waved.
5. The coffee was imported from Brazil. The coffee tastes delicious. (because)
Being imported from Brazil, the coffee tastes delicious.

The following sentences have reduced adverb clauses. Rewrite them with unreduced clauses.

Ex. Being a Navy veteran, Alan has worked on many ships.
Because he is a Navy veteran, Alan has worked on many ships.

6. While being President of the U.S., Barak Obama has had lots of struggles.
While Barak Obama has been President of the U.S., he has had lots of struggles.
7. Before going outside to play in the snow, Jane put on her coat and gloves.
Before Jane went outside to play in the snow, she put on her coat and gloves.
8. Melissa is going to learn French while touring France.
Melissa is going to learn French while she is touring France.
9. My computer broke down again after being fixed twice.
My computer broke down again after it had been fixed twice.
10. The students in the cafeteria ate lunch after taking their difficult final exams.
The students in the cafeteria ate lunch after they took their difficult final exams.