



Complex Sentence Practice IELTS Writing

One thing you **MUST** be able to do if you want a band 6 or higher for your '*grammatical range*' in the writing is include complex sentences in your writing.

This is true for Academic or General Training, and for Task 1 and Task 2.

And they would need to be **very accurate** if you are wanting a 7 or higher.

One type of complex sentence is the adverbial clause.

These two exercises are to practice using common adverbial clauses.

You need to decide which word goes in the gap. You can post your answers if you like in the comments box below.

They are sentences taken from essays and graphs.

Exercise One

whereas / although / because / unless / if

1. Global warming will not be solved _____ all governments take immediate action.
2. China has a high level of outward migration, _____ Japan's is quite low.
3. _____ the government has tried to reduce people's sugar intake, it has not been successful.
4. Fewer and fewer people will attend university _____ the government does not provide student funding.
5. People are continuing to get sick in cities _____ there is so much pollution produced by cars.

Exercise Two

while / until / despite the fact that / in order to / as

6. _____ the number of people eating hamburgers rose, the number eating pizzas decreased.
7. Unemployment is increasing _____ the economy is doing well.
8. Healthy eating should be encouraged _____ avoid obesity.
9. The sales of CDs continued to fall _____ they levelled off in June.
10. Road accidents are rising _____ there are too many cars on the roads.

Answers

1. unless
2. whereas
3. Although
4. if
5. because
6. While
7. despite the fact that
8. in order to
9. until
10. as

1. Global warming will not be solved **unless** all governments take immediate action.

2. China has a high level of outward migration, **whereas** Japan's is quite low.

3. **Although** the government has tried to reduce people's sugar intake, it has not been successful.

4. Fewer and fewer people will attend university **if** the government does not provide student funding.

5. People are continuing to get sick in cities **because** there is so much pollution produced by cars.

6. **While** the number of people eating hamburgers rose, the number eating pizzas decreased.

7. Unemployment is increasing **despite the fact that** the economy is doing well.
8. Healthy eating should be encouraged **in order to** avoid obesity.
9. The sales of CDs continued to fall **until** they levelled off in June.
10. Road accidents are rising **as** there are too many cars on the roads.