

C2 CLAUSES ≈ 27 MIN

Absolute Constructions — *practice on paper*

You know the own-subject model; now build fresh status sentences for minutes, notices, and case studies.

Absolute construction: **own subject + compact status** , then the **main message** ; no so or because

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DATE

YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING

2 · FILL-IN

3 · CORRECT

4 · WRITE

BRICK 1 · SORT COMPACT OR FULLY STATED · APPROX. 4 MIN

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Sort each English opening. The left gives a compact status with its own subject; the right gives a clause with a connector.

The venue empty

The audit complete

All guests seated

The chair listening

The forecast unchanged

Because the venue was empty

After the audit was completed

Once all guests were seated

While the chair was listening

Although the forecast was unchanged

OWN SUBJECT	CLAUSE WITH CONNECTOR

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE STATUS OPENING · APPROX. 6 MIN

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Insert exactly the word given in the cue. This keeps every gap unambiguous; then check that the subject is visible.

- 01 The compliance review _____ on Thursday, we rescheduled the briefing. (use being)
- 02 The revised appendix _____ , Marta emailed the board pack. (use ready)
- 03 Weather _____ , the roof inspection begins at nine. (use permitting)
- 04 Every approval _____ , Legal issued the final notice. (use recorded)
- 05 The external auditor _____ , we opened the secure data room. (use present)
- 06 The webcast _____ , the support team answered private questions. (use over)
- 07 The supplier _____ the delay, Procurement revised the schedule. (use acknowledging)
- 08 The two estimates _____ , the director chose the lower bid. (use compared)

YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING

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BRICK 3 · CORRECT THE STATUS OPENING · APPROX. 7 MIN



Each sentence attempts the target pattern. Follow the cue in parentheses and change only the named part.

01 Being the filing deadline Wednesday, the finance team stayed late. (move "the filing deadline" before "being")

02 Reviewing the lease, the hearing ran late. (add "The lawyers" before "reviewing")

03 The audit complete, so we closed the file. (delete "so")

04 Because the director absent, we postponed the vote. (delete "Because")

05 Being the forecast final, we emailed the update. (move "the forecast" before "being")

06 Ready for dispatch, the lab printed the labels. (add "The samples" before "ready")

BRICK 4 · WRITE FORMAL STATUS SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN



Write one English sentence for each prompt. Make each opening's own subject visible and lead into the main message without a redundant connector.

01 Minutes: state a completed review as the status, then report the release.

02 Notice: write a weather-dependent delivery date with weather permitting.

03 Report: make a visible service team examine a complaint, then report the delay.

04 Case study: place two own subjects with two statuses before one main message.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I give the compact opening its own subject.
- ☐ I give each opening's subject a credible status.
- ☐ I leave out so and because before the main message.
- ☐ I tend to use the form in formal written settings.

Still unsure? Mark the opening's own subject, status, and main message first, then try the sheet again.



Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

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| 01 The venue empty
<i>Own subject: the status comes first.</i> | 06 Because the venue was empty
<i>Clause with connector: the status is stated fully.</i> |
| 02 The audit complete
<i>Own subject: the status comes first.</i> | 07 After the audit was completed
<i>Clause with connector: the status is stated fully.</i> |
| 03 All guests seated
<i>Own subject: the status comes first.</i> | 08 Once all guests were seated
<i>Clause with connector: the status is stated fully.</i> |
| 04 The chair listening
<i>Own subject: the status comes first.</i> | 09 While the chair was listening
<i>Clause with connector: the status is stated fully.</i> |
| 05 The forecast unchanged
<i>Own subject: the status comes first.</i> | 10 Although the forecast was unchanged
<i>Clause with connector: the status is stated fully.</i> |

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| 01 The compliance review being on Thursday, we rescheduled the briefing.
<i>Own subject: being links review and date.</i> | 05 The external auditor present , we opened the secure data room.
<i>Own subject: present marks the attendance status.</i> |
| 02 The revised appendix ready , Marta emailed the board pack.
<i>Own subject: ready states the appendix status.</i> | 06 The webcast over , the support team answered private questions.
<i>Own subject: over marks the end status.</i> |
| 03 Weather permitting , the roof inspection begins at nine.
<i>Own subject: permitting frames the weather condition.</i> | 07 The supplier acknowledging the delay, Procurement revised the schedule.
<i>Own subject: acknowledging names the active status.</i> |
| 04 Every approval recorded , Legal issued the final notice.
<i>Own subject: recorded marks the approval status.</i> | 08 The two estimates compared , the director chose the lower bid.
<i>Own subject: compared marks the completed comparison.</i> |

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| 01 The filing deadline being Wednesday , the finance team stayed late.
<i>Own subject: it comes before being.</i> | 04 The director absent , we postponed the vote.
<i>No connector: the main message follows directly.</i> |
| 02 The lawyers reviewing the lease , the hearing ran late.
<i>Own subject: the lawyers perform the action.</i> | 05 The forecast being final , we emailed the update.
<i>Own subject: it comes before being.</i> |
| 03 The audit complete, we closed the file .
<i>No connector: the main message follows directly.</i> | 06 The samples ready for dispatch , the lab printed the labels.
<i>Own subject: the samples carry the status.</i> |

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ if every compact opening has a visible subject, the status fits, and no redundant connector follows.

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| 01 The compliance review complete , we authorised the release.
<i>Own subject: the review carries the status.</i> | 03 The service team examining the complaint , our response took longer.
<i>Own subject: the team performs the action.</i> |
| 02 Weather permitting , the replacement units arrive on Thursday.
<i>Weather condition: weather stands before permitting.</i> | 04 The licence renewed and the insurer notified , the pilot can begin.
<i>Two subjects: both statuses come first.</i> |

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