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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

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ◯ 2 · FILL-IN ◯ 3 · CORRECT ◯ 4 · WRITE ◯

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

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 ●●○

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 · 2 · FILL-IN · 3 · CORRECT · 4 · WRITE

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

01 The venue empty
Own subject: the status comes first.

02 The audit complete
Own subject: the status comes first.

03 All guests seated
Own subject: the status comes first.

04 The chair listening
Own subject: the status comes first.

05 The forecast unchanged
Own subject: the status comes first.

06 Because the venue was empty
Clause with connector: the status is stated fully.

07 After the audit was completed
Clause with connector: the status is stated fully.

08 Once all guests were seated
Clause with connector: the status is stated fully.

09 While the chair was listening
Clause with connector: the status is stated fully.

10 Although the forecast was unchanged
Clause with connector: the status is stated fully.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 The compliance review **being** on Thursday, we rescheduled the briefing.
Own subject: being links review and date.

02 The revised appendix **ready**, Marta emailed the board pack.
Own subject: ready states the appendix status.

03 Weather **permitting**, the roof inspection begins at nine.
Own subject: permitting frames the weather condition.

04 Every approval **recorded**, Legal issued the final notice.
Own subject: recorded marks the approval status.

05 The external auditor **present**, we opened the secure data room.
Own subject: present marks the attendance status.

06 The webcast **over**, the support team answered private questions.
Own subject: over marks the end status.

07 The supplier **acknowledging** the delay, Procurement revised the schedule.
Own subject: acknowledging names the active status.

08 The two estimates **compared**, the director chose the lower bid.
Own subject: compared marks the completed comparison.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 **The filing deadline being Wednesday**, the finance team stayed late.
Own subject: it comes before being.

02 **The lawyers reviewing the lease**, the hearing ran late.
Own subject: the lawyers perform the action.

03 The audit complete, **we closed the file**.
No connector: the main message follows directly.

04 **The director absent**, we postponed the vote.
No connector: the main message follows directly.

05 **The forecast being final**, we emailed the update.
Own subject: it comes before being.

06 **The samples ready for dispatch**, the lab printed the labels.
Own subject: the samples carry the status.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

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

01 **The compliance review complete**, we authorised the release.
Own subject: the review carries the status.

02 **Weather permitting**, the replacement units arrive on Thursday.
Weather condition: weather stands before permitting.

03 **The service team examining the complaint**, our response took longer.
Own subject: the team performs the action.

04 **The licence renewed and the insurer notified**, the pilot can begin.
Two subjects: both statuses come first.

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