

Linking Clauses Worksheet

Exercise 1 Choose the answer from the four options to form a correct sentence

1. The startup received new funding_____the founders expanded the business quickly.
a) ;
b) , so
c) so
d) . so
2. The factory increased production_____demand for the product grew rapidly.
a) because
b) , because
c) ; because
d) ;
3. _____the flight was delayed, passengers waited patiently in the lounge.
a) Because
b) Because.
c) Because,
d) Because;
4. The tour guide spoke three languages_____she never used a translator.
a) , so
b) so
c) ;
d) ; so

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Answer Key & Explanations:

Q1

Correct: b) , so — Two independent clauses joined by "so" (a FANBOYS conjunction) need a comma before it, not a semicolon alone.

Q2

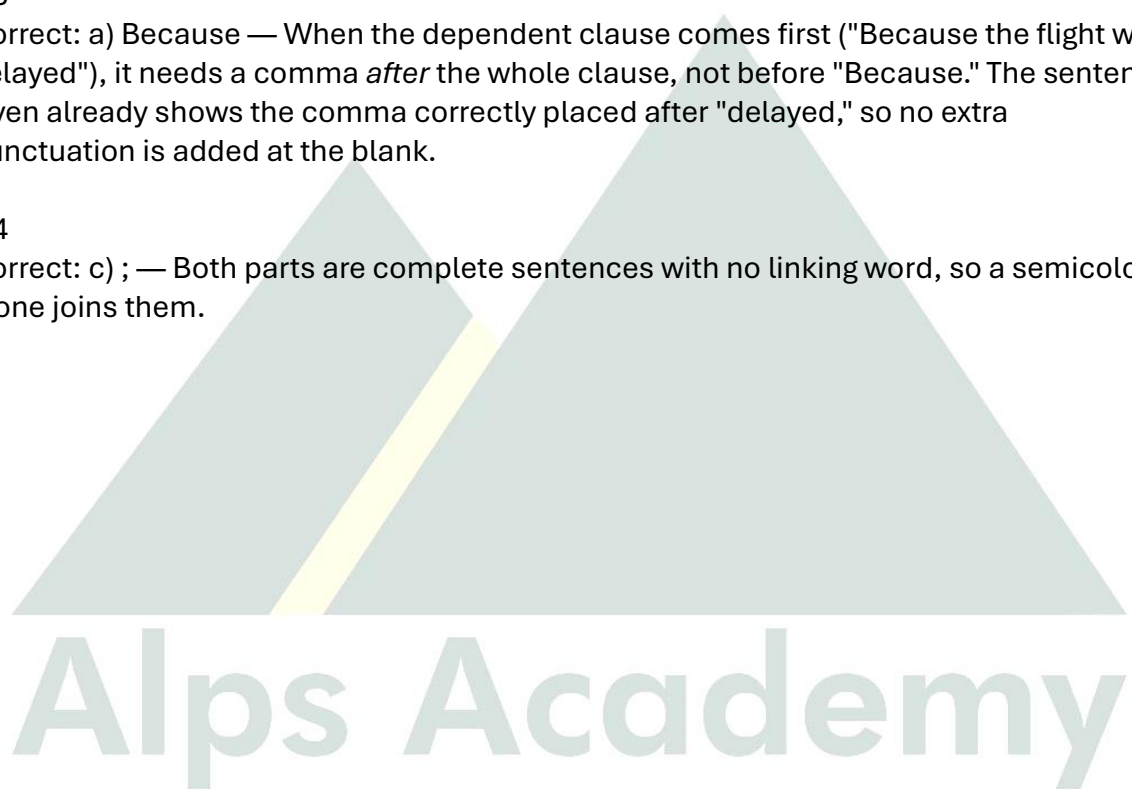
Correct: a) because — "Because" is a subordinating conjunction. When the dependent clause comes second, no punctuation is needed before it.

Q3

Correct: a) Because — When the dependent clause comes first ("Because the flight was delayed"), it needs a comma *after* the whole clause, not before "Because." The sentence given already shows the comma correctly placed after "delayed," so no extra punctuation is added at the blank.

Q4

Correct: c) ; — Both parts are complete sentences with no linking word, so a semicolon alone joins them.



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