

1 Cross out the unnecessary words in each relative clause in the sentences.

- All the food ~~that was~~ left over was given to a shelter.
- The companies who are sponsoring this event did a great job.
- The awards which will be given out tonight are thoroughly deserved.
- The message that had been carved into the rock remained a mystery for years.
- The children who are chasing their dreams are the ones who will achieve them.
- The people who were campaigning for better education have achieved their goal.
- The photographs which were taken using flash turned out much better.
- All answers that are written in pencil will be considered invalid.

2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- I have so much fun making / made new friends.
- Keeping* / *Kept* in the fridge, eggs will several weeks.
- Needing* / *needed* some air, I headed outside for a while.
- Once *building* / *built*, the prototypes were shown to potential investors.
- Handwriting is a skill barely *needing* / *needed* in most jobs.
- Making* / *Made* from organic cotton, these t-shirts feel soft.
- I wanted to expand the business, while *keeping* / *kept* the family traditions alive.
- Building* / *built* the prototypes, I finally saw my ideas come to life.

3 Complete the sentences using the connectors in the box. Use each connector once.

as well as before despite instead of since
~~upon~~ while without

- Upon receiving my final exam results, I let out a scream of delight.
- wasting time talking about it, why don't you look for a solution?
- wanting to offend you, I think those jeans look a bit ugly.
- running, try to breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth.
- travelling to the airport, always make sure you have your passport with you.

- I have learned so much Spanish moving to Valencia.

- being asthmatic, Sue took up marathon training.

- winning an Olympic medal, Briony is a successful entrepreneur.

4 Cross out the mistakes in the sentences. Write the correct words. Three sentences are correct.

-  He worked as a waiter at the same time as ~~study~~ for a PhD. ... studying ...
- While being interviewed, I stopped listening to the questions.
- After go to the cinema, we went to have pizza.
- Our charity supports people that living in poverty.
- For every lie told, there are many more truths.
- It's a shop specialised in clothes for very tall people.
- Despite the weather was terrible, we had a great time.
- Never having been to that museum, I can't say I recommend it.

5 Rewrite the underlined information in the sentences using a participle clause.

- I understood the film well because I had read the book.
..... Having read the book, I understood the film well
- While I was listening to the names of the nominees, I felt extremely nervous.
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- We wandered the streets and we didn't care where we ended up.
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- As she was new to the city, Clare didn't know many people.
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- Filip had achieved so much. He felt he had nothing left to do.
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- Jen didn't need to buy anything. She walked out of the shop and felt relaxed.
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- 2 who are
- 3 which will be
- 4 that had been
- 5 who are
- 6 who were
- 7 which were
- 8 that are

2

- 2 Kept
- 3 Needing
- 4 built
- 5 needed
- 6 Made
- 7 keeping
- 8 Building

3

- 2 Instead of
- 3 Without
- 4 While
- 5 Before
- 6 since
- 7 Despite
- 8 As well as

4

- 2 ✓
- 3 After going
- 4 people ~~that~~ living / people that are living / people that live
- 5 ✓
- 6 shop specialising in
- 7 Despite the weather being terrible / Despite the fact that the weather was terrible
- 8 ✓

5

- 2 Listening to the names of the nominees, I felt extremely nervous.
- 3 We wandered the streets, not caring where we ended up.
- 4 Being new to the city, Clare didn't know many people.
- 5 Having achieved so much, Filip felt he had nothing left to do.
- 6 Not needing to buy anything, Jen walked out the shop feeling relaxed.

Note: The clauses can appear in either order, depending which information you want to emphasise. In 5 and 6 the pronouns have been replaced with the subjects' names. As part of a larger text, you could keep the subjects as pronouns if they were clear.