Sentence Combination

Write sentences, clauses, and phrases, such as the ones in the left hand column on pieces of paper, the board, or present orally. Instruct students to combine using the conjunctions given. Create your own!

Combine:  
- the car crashed
- the roads were slick
- it may snow tonight
- it gets below 32 degrees
- people walked on the moon
- America was discovered
- Lincoln was the president
- Truman was the president
- the smart kid listened
- the teacher spoke
- time ran out
- he scored a touchdown

Conjunctions:  
- because
- if
- before
- after
- while
- as

Answers:
- The car crashed because the roads were slick.
- It may snow tonight if it gets below 32 degrees.
- America was discovered before people walked on the moon.
- Truman was the president after Lincoln was the president.
- The smart kid listened while the teacher spoke.
- He scored a touchdown as time ran out. (or vice versa)

Advanced Sentence Combination – Instruct Students to combine three phrases with limited use of the word and. Refer to sections on embedding.

1) the pen was blue; the pen broke; the pen fell - The blue pen broke after it fell
2) the boy was inside; he took off his sunglasses; he could see better – The boy took off his sunglasses inside so he could see better.
3) she decided not to use her umbrella; her umbrella was broken; it was raining – She decided not to use her broken umbrella, although it was raining.
4) he put a stamp on the envelope; he sealed the envelope; he mailed the letter - Before mailing the letter, he sealed the envelope and put a stamp on it.

Activities

Look in a cookbook. Identify Conjunctions. Follow directions in a recipe. Talk about the conjunctions used.

Talk about the rules for a favorite game. If possible talk about reasons for the rules using conjunctions.

Example Statements

“Put the ingredients in a bowl before mixing them together.”
“Mix the ingredients until all the lumps are gone.”
“You collect two hundred dollars when you pass go.”
“The other team gets the ball whenever there’s an interception.”