

Advanced C1-C2

Absolute Clauses

Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: / 20

Exercise A · Underline the absolute clause (Q1–5)

Underline the absolute clause in each sentence.

- Weather permitting, we will hold the ceremony outside.*
- Her arms folded, she waited in silence.*
- The work completed, the team celebrated with champagne.*
- The storm approaching, they quickly sought shelter.*
- All things considered, the project was a remarkable success.*

Exercise B · Identify the relationship expressed (Q6–10)

Choose the relationship expressed by the absolute clause.

1. 'The meeting over, everyone filed out.'

- a) Condition b) Time c) Cause d) Contrast

2. 'His confidence shaken, he struggled to continue.'

- a) Time b) Purpose c) Cause d) Manner

3. 'She walked in, her coat still dripping.'

- a) Condition b) Cause c) Accompanying detail d) Time

4. What makes an absolute clause different from a regular participial phrase?

- a) It uses a past participle. b) It has its own subject. c) It always comes last. d) It needs a conjunction.

5. Which sentence contains an absolute clause?

- a) Walking to work, she noticed the sign submitted, the team went home, she sat down, having worked all day.

Absolute Clauses — Side B

Exercise C · Correct the error (Q11–14)

Each sentence has an error. Write the corrected sentence.

1. *Finishing the work, the party began.*

2. *Weather permitting, the match will goes ahead.*

3. *The guests have arrived, dinner was served.*

4. *His faced hidden behind a scarf, he slipped away.*

Exercise D · Combine using an absolute clause (Q15–17)

Rewrite each pair of sentences as a single sentence with an absolute clause.

1. *The sun set. They made their way back to camp.*

2. *The negotiations concluded. The delegates shook hands.*

3. *The deadline passed. She handed in the report anyway.*

Exercise E · Fixed absolute expressions (Q18–20)

Complete each sentence with a fixed absolute expression from the word bank.

Word bank: *All things considered · God willing · Generally speaking*

1. ____, *the policy seems fair to both sides.*

2. ____, *the conference will be held in Vienna next spring.*

3. ____, *we must acknowledge that both sides made mistakes.*

Answer Sheet

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Exercise A — Underline the absolute clause

1. Weather permitting
2. Her arms folded
3. The work completed
4. The storm approaching
5. All things considered

Exercise B — Relationship expressed

6. Time
7. Cause
8. Accompanying detail
9. It has its own subject.
10. The report submitted, the team went home.

Exercise C — Correct the error

11. The work finished, the party began. (absolute clause — separate subject)
12. Weather permitting, the match will go ahead.
13. The guests having arrived, dinner was served.
14. His face hidden behind a scarf, he slipped away.

Exercise D — Combine using an absolute clause

15. The sun setting, they made their way back to camp.
16. The negotiations concluded, the delegates shook hands.
17. The deadline passed, she handed in the report anyway.

Exercise E — Fixed absolute expressions

18. All things considered
19. God willing
20. Generally speaking