

Sentence synthesis exercise

Combine the given pairs of sentences using a participle, infinitive, relative pronoun or conjunction.

1. You must hurry. You will be late.
2. He is strong. He can lift the box.
3. She learned her lessons. She went to bed.
4. Iron is found in India. Coal is found in India.
5. He worked hard. He failed.
6. James was my student. He is now an accomplished writer.
7. He is too fat. He cannot run fast.
8. The thief heard a noise. He ran away.
9. It may rain. We will get wet.
10. He started early. He could not reach on time.
11. I didn't know about his problems. Otherwise, I would help.

Answers

1. You must hurry or you will be late.
2. He is strong enough to lift the box.
3. After she learned her lessons, she went to bed.
4. Iron as well as coal is found in India.
5. Although/though he worked hard, he failed. / In spite of his hard work, he failed.

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6. James, who was my student, is now an accomplished writer.
7. He is too fat to run fast. OR He is so fat that he cannot run fast.
8. Hearing a noise, the thief ran away.
9. If it rains we will get wet.
10. Although / though he started early, he could not reach on time.
11. If I knew about his problems, I would help. (This conditional form is used to talk about imaginary situations.)