Subordinating Conjunctions Worksheet
In the Desert...

Reading Level 3

Directions: Read each sentence. Determine which one of your answer choices is used as a subordinating conjunction. Circle your response.

1. Claude could squeeze water from a saguaro cactus if he were thirsty enough.
   a) if  b) he  c) from  d) a

2. Royce peeled a blood orange and ate the juicy filling while he waited for Jean at the meeting place.
   a) he  b) for  c) and  d) while

3. Amari grabbed her little brother and ran into the cavern when the sandstorm started.
   a) and  b) into  c) when  d) ran

4. Jean wore a yellow trench coat even though the temperature was well over one hundred degrees.
   a) though the  b) even though  c) well over  d) was well

5. Hector decided to leave in the middle of the night since the scorching afternoon sun was so deadly.
   a) in the  b) of  c) since  d) was so

6. When the desert wind blew, it whipped searing grains of sand into Ruby's unprotected eyes and face.
   a) When  b) it  c) into  d) and
7. Claude likes to ride his camel in the desert because, unlike a motor vehicle, his camel never runs out of gas.
   a) in  b) his  
   c) unlike  d) because 

8. Royce has played the pan flute since he was a young boy and now he can make beautiful music fill the empty air.
   a) and  b) since  
   c) can  d) was  

9. Amari and her brother waited in the cavern until the terrible sandstorm ceased.
   a) in  b) until  
   c) in the  d) her  

10. Jean wants to know how those poisonous sand critters snuck into our secret fort.
    a) those  b) know  
    c) how  d) into  

11. Hector wasn't afraid of sand critters unless they had poisonous stingers.
    a) of  b) wasn't  
    c) they  d) unless  

12. After Ruby had knocked over a boulder and awoken the sleeping sand critters, she ran out of the cavern.
    a) After  b) had  
    c) out  d) she  

13. The oppressive desert sun beat down on Claude as he vanquished a monstrous sand critter with his speargun.
    a) The  b) on  
    c) as  d) he 

14. Royce rode his camel to the top of the sand dune so that he could guard the camp and watch for sand critters.
    a) of the  b) to the top  
    c) he could  d) so that
15. Amari sang a gentle lullaby to her little brother whenever tears overcame him.
   a) to
   b) brother
   c) whenever
   d) a

16. Jean backflipped off a brick wall while shooting his speargun at the poisonous sand critters.
   a) up
   b) while
   c) his
   d) wall

17. Hector dispatched sand critters with a large knife whereas Jean preferred his speargun.
   a) whereas
   b) with
   c) a
   d) his

18. Windblown grains of sand pelted Ruby's exposed skin and she laughed because she was alive.
   a) and
   b) was
   c) because
   d) of

19. Although it was unusually hot outside, Claude still put a full suit of stainless steel armor on his camel.
   a) Although
   b) put
   c) outside
   d) on

20. Royce knew that the sand critters were gathering in large numbers outside of the village but he didn't mind.
   a) were
   b) but
   c) didn't
   d) that

21. Amari was learning to fight with a spear when she wasn't tending to her little brother.
   a) with
   b) when
   c) to
   d) wasn't

22. Jean was going to head for the mountains as soon as he found a sufficient amount of water for the journey.
   a) as he found
   b) was going to
   c) as soon as
   d) amount of
23. As the golden sun set over the dunes, the sand critters began their desperate hunt for food.
   a) As  b) their  
c) over  d) over the

24. Four poisonous sand critters crept into the barn just as the guards changed shifts.
   a) Four  b) into the  
c) into  d) just as

25. The stars lit the night sky afire once the sun sank below the horizon and yielded to the night.
   a) The  b) below  
c) afire  d) once

26. Hector wouldn't be able to get there in time to save Amari and her little brother unless he found gas for his cruiser.
   a) in  b) unless  
c) there  d) for

27. Claude would honor his vow to protect Ruby whether she wanted his protection or not.
   a) his  b) or  
c) whether  d) to

28. Amari knew that she had to eat something or she wouldn't have the strength to protect her little brother.
   a) have  b) wouldn't  
c) that  d) or

29. Ruby cowered from the sand critters crawling on the glass but Claude just laughed because they couldn't get into his cruiser.
   a) because  b) just  
c) but  d) get into

30. Royce warmed his tea in the blazing sun and read Shakespeare even though the sand critters were clawing at the gate.
   a) his  b) and  
c) at the  d) even though