

Sentence transformation exercise

Convert the following compound sentences into complex sentences.

Hints: A compound sentence can be converted into a complex sentence, by changing an independent clause into a dependent clause. Independent clauses are introduced by coordinating conjunctions like and, or, but, yet, so etc. Dependent clauses are introduced by subordinating conjunctions like as, though, since, because, when, while etc.

1. Be honest and everyone will respect you.
2. They were insulted, but they were not beaten.
3. Do not eat too much or you will fall ill.
4. The police searched the room but they couldn't find anything objectionable.
5. Oliver Twist ran away, or they would have seized him.
6. He may be honest, but he is selfish.
7. The thief saw the police constable and tried to run away.
8. He wants to build a house; therefore, he has purchased a plot of land.
9. I helped him, but I did not expect any reward from him.
10. The day dawned and we got up.

Answers

1. *If you are honest* everyone will respect you.
2. *Though they were insulted,* they were not beaten.

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3. *If you eat too much, you will fall ill.*
4. *Though the police searched the room, they couldn't find anything objectionable.*
5. *If Oliver Twist hadn't run away, they would have seized him.*
6. *Though he is honest, he is selfish.*
7. *When the thief saw the police, he tried to run away.*
8. *As he wants to build a house, he has purchased a plot of land.*
9. *Though I helped him, I did not expect any reward from him.*
10. *When the day dawned, we got up.*