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## Reduction of Adverb Clauses of *Reason* and *Contrast*

### Worksheet #2

Adverb clauses that begin with the following words: Because, Since, As, Although, Though, and While can be reduced to adverbial phrases. It should be noted that clauses of reason, which begin with the words **because**, **since**, and **as** omit such words in the adverb phrase.



#### **Example with a clause of reason:**

Clause: Because Joey bought stocks when they were cheap, he made a lot of money.

Phrase: Buying stocks when they were cheap, Joey made a lot of money.

Note that the word “because” was omitted.

There are certain steps you must follow:

1. You must have the same subject in both clauses.
2. Delete the subject from the adverb clause.
3. Change the verb to –ing.
4. Delete the words **because**, **since** and, **as**.



#### **Look at these other examples with clauses of reason:**

Clause: Since Lance was confused, he lost the race in France.

Phrase: Being confused, Lance lost the race in France.

Clause: As grocery coupons had disappeared from circulars, they can now be downloaded from the Internet.

Phrase: *Having disappeared from circulars*, grocery coupons can now be downloaded from the Internet.

What do you notice in the last example that is different? Write it here.

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When the verb tense in the adverb clause expresses an action that happened before another past action, the auxiliary “had” changes to “having.”

**Examples with clause of contrast (although, though, and while):**

Clause: *Although grocery coupons are not found in circulars anymore*, they can be downloaded from the Internet.

Phrase: *Although not found in circulars anymore*, grocery coupons can be downloaded from the Internet.

**Try these:**

1. Although mom hunted for bargains in the paper, she wasn't able to find as many bargains as she finds on the Internet.

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2. Though cheap items are found easily on the Internet, not all the cheap items are easy to get.

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3. While specific brands sold quickly, they didn't do as well as the general categories.

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