Compound and Complex Sentences

Join the two independent clauses to make a compound sentence.

1. Mike bought a pet snake. His mother made him take it back to the store.
2. We all went hiking in the canyon. I felt so tired afterwards.
3. I stayed up all night chatting online. Today, I can't stay awake in class.
4. Mary learned to play basketball in school. She wants to become a professional basketball player.
5. James had a party and invited all of his friends. They made a big mess.

Join the two sentences, but change one of them to a dependent clause to make a complex sentence. Use the connector given. Put the independent clause first in some sentences, and put the dependent clause first in some sentences. Punctuate correctly.

1. Sara and Jill went to a baseball game. They don’t really like baseball. (although)
2. You can drive to my place. We can ride to the concert together. (if)
3. I don’t have much energy now. I ate chocolate and soda for breakfast. (because)
4. She learned to play the guitar. She always plays music for her friends. (since)
5. We were happy about our scores. Our teacher gave back our tests. (when)

Join the two sentences, but change one of them to a dependent clause to make a complex sentence. Use any connector that makes sense. Put the independent clause first in some sentences, and put the dependent clause first in some sentences. Punctuate correctly.

1. The children wanted to watch TV. It was snowing outside.
2. Grandpa likes to sleep during the day. He can’t fall asleep at night.
3. We ride bicycles to the beach. We have a lot of free time on the weekend.
4. The pizza arrived hot and fresh. We gave the delivery man a good tip.
5. Many students don’t like homework. It helps them improve their English.