Reduction of Adverbs 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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