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Monday – possibilities of things to notice
*complex sentence with compound predicate
vivid verbs
prepositional phrase
first person point of view – Uncle Henrik said
past tense

Tuesday – label the sentence

I, me – pronouns
was – linking verb
about, away – adverbs
to pull, to halt – infinitives
from – preposition
the – article
dock, soldiers – nouns
when – subordinating conjunction
appeared – verb
and – conjunction
I was about to pull away from the dock when the soldiers appeared and told me to halt.

complete subject complete predicate
simple subject simple predicate

Wednesday
I was about to pull away from the dock when the German
soldiers suddenly appeared and told me to halt.
(added adjective and adverb)

Thursday – possibility of imitation sentence
I was about to go to bed when the soldiers arrived and banged
on the door.

INTERACTIVE

ACTIVITIES

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

when

as

while

until

after

if

Name: Answer Key

Date: _____

Editing Assessment

1. I was about to pull away from the
dock when the soldiers appeared
and told me to halt.

1. Circle the subordinating conjunctions correctly:
I was about to pull away from the dock when the
soldiers appeared and told me to halt.

Highlight the subordinating conjunctions in the following sentences, then
underline the dependent clause.

2. They would be coming to the dock when the ship was open again.

3. Candlelight appeared when the ship was open again.

4. While Mama was out shopping with Kirsti, Annemarie and Ellen
were playing with paper dolls.

5. They built a boat when the child was completely alone.

6. Come directly back to the house after you have seen the Rosens
safely to Henrik.

7. If any soldiers saw her, she was nothing more than
a little girl.

8. When the soldiers appeared, the children hid their neckerchiefs.

QUIZZES

WITH

ANSWER

KEYS

MENTOR SENTENCES from Number the Stars

MINI-UNIT for
grades 4-6

