

Subordinating Conjunctions:

What Is a Subordinating Conjunction?



Aim

- I can recognise and use subordinating conjunctions.

Success Criteria

- I can recognise that subordinating conjunctions are used to create subordinate clauses.
- I know that subordinate clauses are used within complex (multi-clause) sentences.
- I can use 'I SAW A WABUB!' to remember the main subordinating conjunctions.
- I can write my own complex (multi-clause) sentences using different subordinating conjunctions.

Getting Started

What is a conjunction?

A conjunction links two or more words, phrases or clauses together.

There are **two** main types of conjunctions we use within sentences.
Do you know what they both are?

- **co-ordinating conjunctions** (*e.g. and*) link two main clauses together as an equal pair to create a compound sentence. We usually remember these words using the acronym 'FANBOYS'.
- **subordinating conjunctions** (*e.g. when*) introduce a subordinate clause. You can remember some of the most useful subordinating conjunctions by...

...spotting one of the rarest monsters on the planet, a wabub, and shouting...

**I SAW A
WABUB!**



I Saw a Wabub...

...is an acronym to help you remember the first letters of some of the most important subordinating conjunctions.

If

Since

As

When

Although

While

After

Before

Until

Because

I SAW A WABUB!



Next Steps

So, how do we use subordinating conjunctions?

Subordinating conjunctions are the first words within a subordinate clause. Subordinate clauses do not make sense on their own but, when they are used with a main clause, they create a complex (multi-clause) sentence.

Subordinate clauses will always have a subject and verb within them, e.g.

after she smiled



subordinating
conjunction



subject



verb

is a subordinate clause

after Christmas



Here 'after' is being
used as a preposition.

is not a subordinate clause



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Can you spot the **subordinate clause** and the **subordinating conjunction** in this sentence?

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when the bell rang.

The eager pupils sped into school
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Now, it's your turn.

Which subordinating conjunction would fit best
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Is there more than one possibility?

I am sending you a letter _____
I am your biggest fan.



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_____ I eat lunch, I am going
to an important meeting.



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_____ he was thrown from his saddle,
Henry was wary of riding his horse.



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The two chemicals should cause a reaction _____ you have used them in the right quantities.