

Subordinate Conjunctions and Clauses

WALT: Can I identify and use subordinate conjunctions and clauses?

What is a subordinate conjunction?

*Do you remember I SAW A WABUB? Do you know what each letter stands for? Write them down.
Check if you're right!*



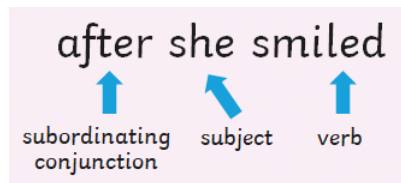
A conjunction links two or more words, phrases or clauses together.

Task: Can you copy and circle all the subordinate conjunctions in this paragraph? There are 5!

As he walked closer, Cleo could see the scary monster in the cave entrance. The beast was hurriedly eating the remains of its victim because it was ravenous. Cleo looked at its bright red eyes, huge nostrils and razor-sharp teeth while the beast was busy. Although Cleo was standing quite a distance away, the terrible smell of the gruesome beast was still making him feel sickly. Cleo took a deep breath before he tiptoed bravely forward.

What is a subordinate clause?

Subordinate clauses do not make sense on their own. They always start with a subordinate conjunction.



Task: Can you find the subordinate conjunction and the subordinate clause in the sentences below?
The first one is done for you.

1. *The eager pupils sped into school when the bell rang.*

When is the subordinate conjunction.

The bell rang is the subordinate clause.

2. *Whales give birth to live young as they are mammals.*

3. *The hopeless rugby team lost the game because they hadn't trained*

4. *Daphne didn't know that she could whistle until she tried.*

5. *Heavy snow poured from the skies while the children made a snowman.*

Task: Can you use the conjunctions in the sheep to create 5 sentences with a subordinate conjunction and clause?

An example could be:

She walked for an hour after she had eaten lunch.

After is the subordinate conjunction.

She had eaten lunch is the subordinate clause.

