

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Directions: Begin by reading over the meaning of each of the following subordinating conjunctions. Then read over the example sentences.

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION	EXAMPLE
<p>Although is used to express that the action in the main clause is surprising, unusual, or unexpected. Even though has the same meaning as although.</p>	<p>“Although my grades were very good, I found myself unable to settle down in the high school.” (Maya Angelou, <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>. Random House, 1969)</p> <p>He drives a second-hand car even though he’s a multi-millionaire.</p>
<p>As soon as is used to express that one event came right after another.</p>	<p>“As soon as the light in the bedroom went out, there was a stirring and a fluttering all through the far buildings.” (George Orwell, <i>Animal Farm</i>, 1945)</p>
<p>Provided that is used to express condition. It expresses what must happen or be done to make it possible for something else to happen. If also has the same meaning.</p>	<p>“I can believe anything provided that it is quite incredible.” (Oscar Wilde)</p> <p>If I was in charge, I'd do things differently.</p>
<p>Whereas is used to express how two people, groups, etc.. are different.</p>	<p>Some couples now both have to work whereas only one person did before.</p>
<p>While is used to express an action in progress. Sometimes this action is interrupted.</p>	<p>While the politician was speaking to a large crowd at a rally, he fainted from heat exhaustion.</p> <p>While I was waiting at the bus stop, three buses went by in the opposite direction.</p>

Activity 1:

Use each given word to write a complex sentence. Refer back to page 39 of your notebook.

1. (although)

2. (even though)

3. (As soon as)

4. (Provided that)

5. (if)

6. (Whereas)

7. (While)

Activity 2:

Look back at your word list on page 38 of your notebook. Use those subordinate conjunctions to write a dependent clause that turns the simple sentence into a complex sentence.

1. _____, parent recorded the show with their video cameras.
2. _____, we will be going to camp.
3. _____, Dad changed the flat tire.
4. The police searched every house _____.
5. I like to eat cotton candy _____.
6. _____, you can go to the movies on Saturday.
7. _____, everyone stopped what they were doing.
8. We talked on the phone for hours
_____.
9. We had a hard time finding our way home _____.
10. _____, the girls did each other's hair.
11. _____, we'll have to take two cars.
12. _____, we sang camp songs for hours.
13. Dawn and I couldn't stop giggling _____.
14. We stared into space with our mouths wide open
_____.
15. Timmy hopped from one foot to the other
_____.

Activity 3:

On a separate sheet of paper, write a short story, an essay, a poem, a song, a news article, or a journal entry using at least 6 complex sentences. Each complex sentence must use **a different subordinating conjunction**. For each complex sentence, underline it and circle the subordinating conjunction.

