

Literacy

Week commencing 25th January.



Friday

WALT: understand what subordinating conjunctions are, and how to use them.

- * Can you remember what a subordinating conjunction is?



Watch the video to remind yourself!

Click on the following link, scroll to the bottom to find and watch this video.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6kj2sg>



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!



Subordinating conjunctions

- * A conjunction is a word, or words, used to connect two clauses together. Words such as: 'although', 'because' or 'when' .
- * A subordinating clause is a part of a sentence that adds additional information to the main clause. A subordinating conjunction is simply the word/words that is used to join a subordinating clause to another clause or sentence.

For example,

- * "He was annoyed, the train had stopped."
- * Add a subordinating conjunction to link the two clauses together...
- * "He was annoyed **because** the train had stopped."
- * By adding 'because' we are linking the subordinating clause "the train had stopped" with the main clause "He was annoyed".

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



Next Steps

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When the bell rang, the eager pupils sped into school.

Subordinating conjunctions can also be used as the first word in a sentence. When the subordinate clause comes before the main clause, make sure you remember to use a comma to mark where the subordinate clause ends.



Subordinating Conjunction Hunt

I SAW A
WABUB!



Can you spot the subordinating conjunctions in this piece of text? Where have they been used in these sentences?

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Although Cleo was standing quite a distance away, the terrible stench of the gruesome beast was still making him feel nauseous. Cleo took a deep breath before he tiptoed bravely forward. It was time for battle.

The answers!



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Subordinating Conjunctions

after

although

as

because

before

if

once

provided (that)

since

that

though

unless

until / till

when

where

whereas

whenever

wherever

whether

while

Write these sentences then underline the subordinating conjunction in each sentence.

1. Until she tried, Daphne didn't know that she could whistle.

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

3. Although it was expensive, the couple enjoyed their meal at the award-winning restaurant.

Write these sentences and add a subordinating conjunction in each sentence.

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

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

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



7. The greenhouse got smashed the boys were playing football.

8. they were in trouble, they had to go inside the house.

9. they were well-behaved, they could have their ball back next week.

I SAW A WABUB!

10. Can you remember all of the subordinating conjunctions using the 'I SAW A WABUB' acronym?

Don't forget to share your
work on Dojo!

