

Subordinating Conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions are used to join a dependent clause (incomplete thought) to an independent clause.

Common Subordinating Conjunctions

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| after | even if | that |
| before | even though | unless |
| once | if | until |
| although | if only | when |
| as | in order to | whenever |
| as if | now that | where |
| as long as | rather than | whereas |
| as though | since | wherever |
| because | so that | while |
| still | than | |

Example: I will be able to drive when I get older.

“I will be able to drive” → independent clause (complete thought)

“when I get older” → dependent clause (incomplete thought)

The subordinating conjunction **“when”** is used to join the dependent clause to the independent clause.

Directions: please fill in the blanks using the appropriate conjunction. Use commas where necessary.

1. He behaves ____ _____ he rules the world.
2. We started moving _____ he took his foot off the brake.
3. I am going to go _____ my parents say I can't.
4. _____ kill living animals for food, I am going to become a vegetarian.
5. I waited _____ my mom paid for the groceries.