

# Subordinating Conjunctions

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

## Common Subordinating Conjunctions

|            |             |          |
|------------|-------------|----------|
| 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.