

L.O. I can use subordinate clauses to add extra information to a main clause and create a complex sentence.

L.O. I can identify and use subordinating conjunctions to create a complex sentence.

What is a main clause?



A **main clause** (or it could be called a **simple sentence**) is a group of words that expresses one complete thought. Every **main clause** must contain a **subject** and a **verb**. They can also be called **independent** clauses.

Can you spot the subjects and the verbs in these main/independent clauses?

The man ran down the street.

A dog barked at a cat.

Mr Pickles taught the class.

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

- **subordinating conjunctions** (*e.g. when*) introduce a subordinate clause. You can remember some of the most useful subordinating conjunctions by...

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 subject verb
conjunction

is a subordinate clause

after Christmas

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Here 'after' is being
used as a preposition.

is not a subordinate clause



I will be late **if** I don't get on the next bus.

Subordinate Clause

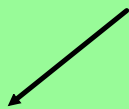
What is a complex sentence?



A complex sentence is made up of a main clause and then one or more dependent clauses.

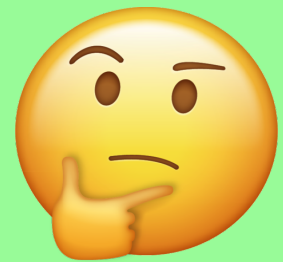
We are going to look at creating a complex sentence using a subordinate clause.

The man ran down the street before the bus came.

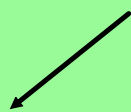


Spot the main clause and the subordinate clause.

Subordinating Conjunctions



James walked to the shop before he had his lunch.



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Spot the subordinate clause...

As fast as she could, Sally typed on her computer.

Bobbing up and down, the boat was sailing in the sea.

The teacher, who was strict, shouted at the class.

With a whisper, Dr Doom announced his evil plan.

The villains, Dr Doom and Professor Chaos, plotted their next move.

At 9 O'clock in the evening, the party was in full swing.

Harry ran down the lane whilst laughing uncontrollably.

Add a subordinate clause...

Gemma decided to go shopping

the elephant drank from the oasis

the gondola sailed down the canal

he hid underneath the umbrella

an apple fell from the tree

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