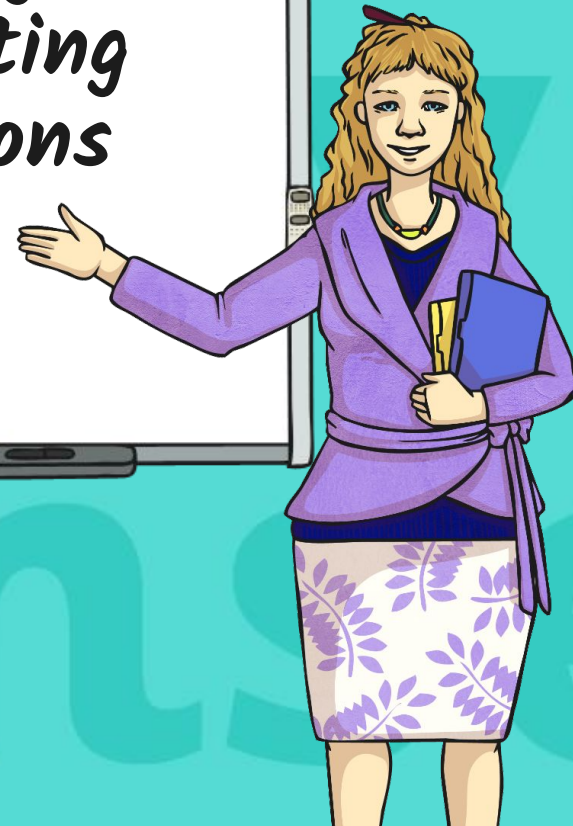


Year 6 Grammar Revision

*Co-ordinating and
Subordinating
Conjunctions*



Co-ordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

Conjunctions are words that **link together clauses** . There are **two** types of conjunctions.

Co-ordinating conjunctions link **main clauses** together to form **compound sentences**
e.g.

The sun was scorching. We wore our hats.



The sun was scorching **so** we wore our hats.



Co-ordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

You can easily remember all the co-ordinating conjunctions by using the acronym **FANBOYS**.



Co-ordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

I love to read fiction books **for** I like a good story.

The dog jumped up **and** he began to bark.

I don't like sprouts **nor** do I like carrots.

My brother wants a dog **but** I'd prefer a cat.

I might order a pizza **or** I might get a burger.

Joey ran as fast as he could **yet** Jill won the race.

I saw a massive spider **so** I hurtled out of the room.

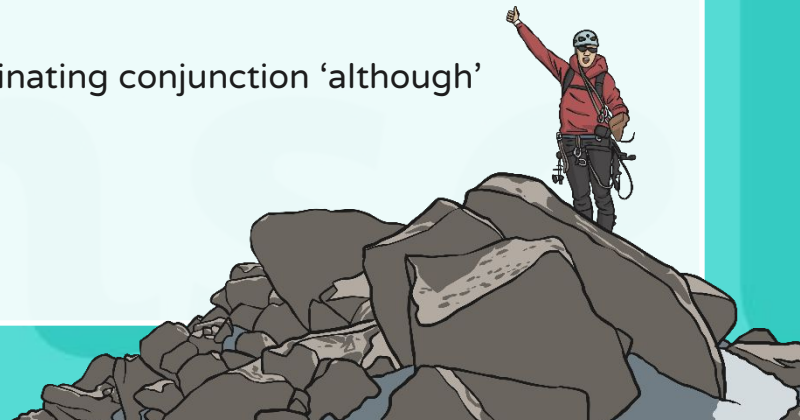
Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

A **subordinating conjunction** connects a **main clause** and a **subordinate clause** .
A subordinate clause is **dependent** on the main clause because it **doesn't make sense on its own** . When main clauses and subordinate clauses are used together to form a sentence, it is called a **complex sentence** .

main clause

He managed to reach the summit of the
mountain although suffering from frostbite.

subordinate clause beginning with the subordinating conjunction 'although'



Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

Here is a list of commonly used **subordinating conjunctions** ...

after

though

because

so that

before

until

while

provided

if

since

once

even
though

whether

unless

although

when

as



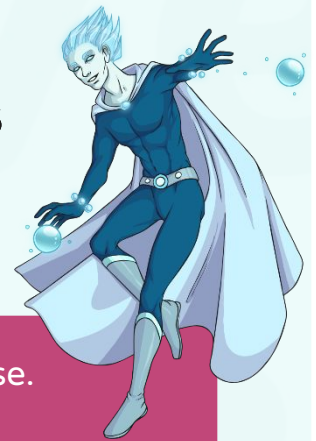
Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

Where in a sentence?

In the sentences we've looked at so far, the subordinate conjunctions have been **after** the main clause e.g.

Jackson got changed into his superhero costume
because he was going to the party.

He wore his pants over his trousers
even though it looked silly.



Subordinate conjunctions don't always have to be after the main clause.
Sometimes they can be the first word in a sentence.

Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

Where in a sentence?

Look at these sentences where the subordinate conjunctions **open** the sentence...

Despite the weather being cold,
the sunflower grew very tall.

As the volcano erupted,
the villagers ran for their lives.



When we use a subordinate conjunction at the beginning of a sentence, we must **add a comma** at the end of the subordinate clause before the main clause.

Subordinating Conjunctions: The Tricky Bits

Some subordinate conjunction words can also be **prepositions** .

after

before

until

as

since

After he returned from holiday, George unpacked his suitcase.

In this example 'after' is used as a subordinating conjunction to form a subordinate clause.

We have a maths lesson **after** lunch.

In this example 'after' is used as a preposition.

This can be very confusing! If the word is within a **group of words that contains a subject and a verb** , then it is usually being used as a **subordinating conjunction** .

Quiz! Part 1

Join each pair of sentences using **and**, **but** or **so**.

I don't visit the library very much. I do like reading.

I don't visit the library very much **but** I do like reading.

The horse was spooked. It kicked out in fright.

The horse was spooked **so** it kicked out in fright.

Mary climbed the ladder. She got into her top bunk.

Mary climbed the ladder **and** she got into her top bunk.

Quiz! Part 2

Use a **subordinating conjunction** from the list to **add to** each subordinate clause.

although if because since

_____ **If** _____ you start to feel sleepy, you should open the car window.

_____ **Although** _____ the lights had turned green, the car stood still.

The dog barked loudly _____ **because** _____ it heard an intruder.

_____ **Since** _____ we began swimming lessons, I have become lots more confident in the water.

Quiz! Part 3

Put a tick in each row to show whether **until** is being used as a **subordinating conjunction** or a **preposition**.

	Preposition	Subordinating Conjunction
I didn't learn to drive until I bought my new car.		✓
Until Danny scored the goal, the team looked hopeless.		✓
The wolves didn't stop howling until midnight.	✓	

*Are you feeling confident
with co-ordinating and
subordinating conjunctions?*

