

Subordinate clauses

Other examples of conjunctions are **while**, **after**, **although**, **when** and **before**.

When **extra information** is added to a sentence after or before a conjunction, it is called a **subordinate clause**.

Where are the subordinate clauses?

- Circle the subordinate clauses in these sentences. The first one has been done for you.

The girl was feeling unwell **after** she had eaten lunch.

Although it was night-time, the street was full of people.

The dog barked **when** he saw his owner.

Before dawn, the silver spaceship landed somewhere in the woods.

While they were sleeping, a rainbow arched across the sky.

Jolly joke

What are subordinate clauses?

Santa's helpers!

Join the sentences together

- Join the pairs of sentences with one of the conjunctions below to make one sentence with a subordinate clause. The first one has been done for you.

because

although

Jack went up the hill. He was very tired.

Jack went up the hill **although** he was very tired.

The footballer scored. The other team were playing well.

The monkey looked bored. He wanted to live in the wild.

I had to share my cake. My brother didn't have one.



Taking it further In your child's writing, check whether two separate sentences can be joined using a conjunction.