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Conjunctions

Subordinating Conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions connect two ideas by making one idea less important than the other.

FREQUENTLY USED SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS			
after	as though	since	until
although	because	so that	when
as	before	than	whenever
as if	even though	though	wherever
as soon as	if	unless	while

EXERCISE A: Recognizing Subordinating Conjunctions. Circle the subordinating conjunction in each sentence below. Then underline the dependent idea that follows it.

EXAMPLE: (When) I received the package, I jumped for joy.

1. Mother entered the store while everyone else waited in the car.
2. Although I understand his reason, I cannot accept his poor behavior.
3. Unless I hear from the committee tomorrow, I will change my plans.
4. Uncle Bob always phones whenever he is in town.
5. I can't go to the concert because I have to study for my finals.
6. Even though I enjoy some of the new musical groups, I don't think any group can replace the Beatles.
7. Unless we notify the book club, we will continue to get a new book each month.
8. Melody will bring us the tomato plants as soon as she returns from Boston.
9. Mother wants a new car so that she can drive herself to work.
10. Our team can win the championship if it continues to train hard.

EXERCISE B: Writing Sentences Using Conjunctions. Fill in the blanks with words that will complete each sentence. All three kinds of conjunctions are included below.

EXAMPLE: I will polish the car since Father needs it tomorrow.

1. When _____, _____.
2. _____ so that _____.
3. Either _____ or _____.
4. _____, but _____.
5. Unless _____, _____.
6. Both _____ and _____.
7. _____ even though _____.
8. If _____, _____.
9. _____, or _____.
10. Whenever _____, _____.