

Some subordinating conjunctions are used to **signaling relationships of time or place**:

*The twins were allowed to watch TV **after** they completed their homework.*

*I can start making dinner **once** I know what time they are arriving.*

*Rhea feels scared **whenever** she sees a spider.*

*Nadia forgot to add the blueberries **before** she put the muffins in the oven.*

As in the above examples, subordinating conjunctions can be placed in the middle of the two clauses: *We can go for a walk this afternoon **unless** it starts to rain.*

However, they can also be placed at the beginning of the sentence in front of the subordinate clause: ***Unless** it starts to rain, we can go for a walk this afternoon.*

When a subordinate conjunction is at the beginning of the sentence, a **comma** must be placed after the subordinate clause that follows it.

When a conjunction connects a subordinate clause to an independent clause, a **complex** sentence is created.

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Subordinating conjunction examples:

Here are some common subordinating conjunctions:

**as, after, although, before, because, even if, even though, how, however, if, so that, since,**

**than, though, unless, until, when, whenever, where, wherever, while**

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