

Conjunctions to Express Time, Place or Cause

Part A

A conjunction is a word that links two other words or phrases together.

These conjunctions express time, place or cause. This means that they tell us **when**, **where** or **a reason**.

when before while so ~~because~~ since where unless until once so that if

Choose the best conjunction from the word bank to fill the gaps in the sentence below. The first one has been done for you.

1. Bee hates feathers **because** she has seen too many of them when she has been plucking ducks. **C**
2. Bee will not get to learn other skills _____ she is older.
3. Bent Tree has been the tribe's chief _____ Bee was born.
4. Knotted Mane sneakily eats the berries _____ she is picking them.
5. Dad, Bee and Vulture reach a clearing _____ they see the rest of the tribe have gathered.
6. The Ritual begins _____ the tribe members have put on their best furs.
7. Bee and Dog slink off into the shadows _____ Bent Tree announces the Dance of the Druppity Drops.
8. Bee and Dog perform their own Ritual _____ they don't feel left out.
9. Dog's tail swishes back and forth _____ he feels excited.

Now think about whether each sentence expresses time, place or cause. (Does it tell you **when**, **where** or **a reason**?) Next to each sentence write **T**, **P** or **C**. The first one has been done for you.

Part B

A conjunction is a word that links two other words or phrases together.

These conjunctions express time, place or cause. This means that they tell us **when, where** or **a reason**.

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Choose a suitable conjunction which expresses time, place or cause from the word bank for each of the sentence starters below and then finish the sentence yourself.

The first one has been done for you.

1. Dog will get shouted at **if he gets overexcited**.

2. Bee hates feathers that are covered in dog slime _____

3. Stone Age people ate lots of berries and nuts _____

4. Bee had never seen Breath of the Vulture look scared _____

5. Bee drops the lifeless duck _____

6. Glinting Fang was very brave _____

7. Cave lions used to roam the land _____

8. The tribe play instruments _____

9. The elders stamp round in a circle _____

10. Bee and Dog stand away from the rest of the tribe _____

Now decide whether each conjunction expresses time, place or cause and write it in the correct column. One has been done for you.

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Time (when)	Place (where)	Cause (a reason)
since _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	since _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Conjunctions to Express Time, Place or Cause Answers

Part A

Accept any other conjunctions that children may have used that make sense within the sentence.

2. Bee will not get to learn other skills *until* she is older. T
3. Bent Tree has been the tribe's chief *since* Bee was born. T
4. Knotted Mane sneakily eats the berries *while* she is picking them. T
5. Dad, Bee and Vulture reach a clearing *where* they see the rest of the tribe have gathered. P
6. The Ritual begins *once* the tribe members have put on their best furs. T
7. Bee and Dog slink off into the shadows *before* Bent Tree announces the Dance of the Drippity Drops. T
8. Bee and Dog perform their own Ritual *so that* they don't feel left out. C
9. Dog's tail swishes back and forth *because* he feels excited. C

Part B

Accept any sensible answers.

Example answers:

2. Bee hates feathers covered in dog slime *because they are unpleasant to hold*.
3. Stone Age people ate lots of berries and nuts *since these were easy to find*.
4. Bee had never seen Breath of the Vulture look scared *until she saw him today coming to fetch her dad*.
5. Bee drops the lifeless duck *before running after Vulture*.
6. Glinting Fang was very brave *so the tribe still remember her today*.
7. Cave lions used to roam the land *yet now they are extinct*.
8. The tribe play instruments *that were made by Breath of the Vulture*.
9. The elders stamp round in a circle *when Bent Tree cries, "The Song of the Swishing Stream!"*
10. Bee and Dog stand away from the rest of the tribe *where they perform their own ritual*.

Now decide whether each conjunction expresses time, place or cause and write it in the correct column. One has been done for you.

Time (when)	Place (where)	Cause (a reason)
since <i>when</i> <i>before</i> <i>while</i> <i>until</i> <i>once</i>	<i>where</i>	since <i>so</i> <i>because</i> <i>unless</i> <i>so that</i> <i>if</i>