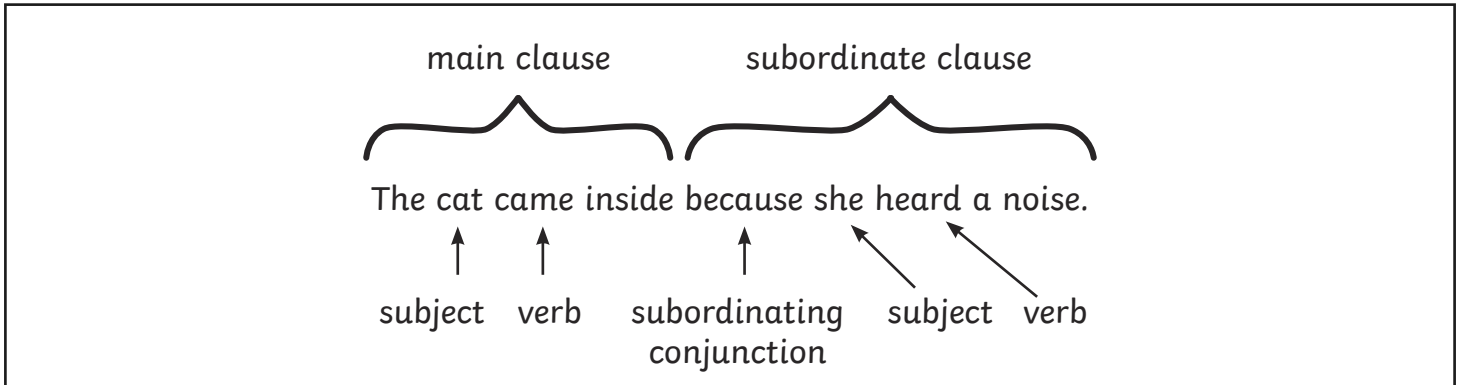


Subordination

Part A

Subordinating conjunctions such as 'when', 'if', and 'because' can be used to join a main clause and a subordinate clause to make a complex sentence.

Remember: a clause is a group of words which contains a subject and a verb.



Select the conjunction that you think would make the most sense to join the clauses in the sentences below, and write it in the gap.

when	if	because
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E.g. Bee will learn to do other jobs **when** she is older.

1. Bee always complains _____ she has to pluck feathers from ducks.
2. Dad says that Bee has to pluck feathers _____ it is her job.
3. The tribe have been on the move _____ they are on their way to their summer hunting ground.
4. Dog gets excited _____ he hears Bee shout.
5. Bee thinks she would be great at hunting _____ she were allowed to do it.
6. Bent Tree sits beside the fire _____ she has made.
7. You might damage your eyes _____ you look at the sun.
8. Bee drops the lifeless duck _____ Vulture asks them to follow him.
9. The tribe performs the Ritual _____ Bent Tree tells them to.

10. The cave lion mask is very special _____ it has been passed down in the tribe since the Long Frost.
11. Glinting Fang killed a cave lion _____ it attacked her tribe.
12. The elders look like fearsome monsters _____ they freeze.
13. Dog and Bee do their own ceremony _____ they are not allowed to join in with the Ritual.

Now write your own sentences about the story, including the conjunctions listed in the box.

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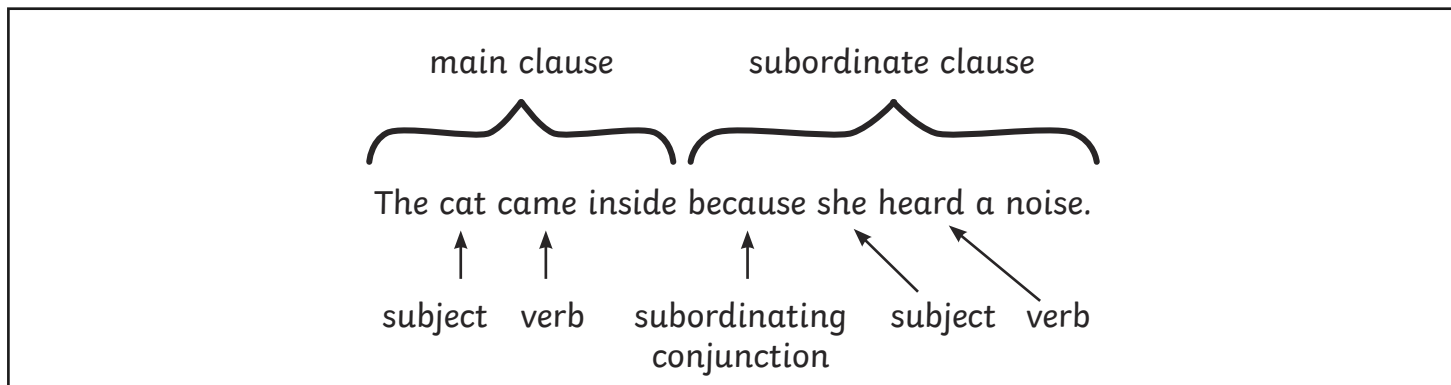
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Part B

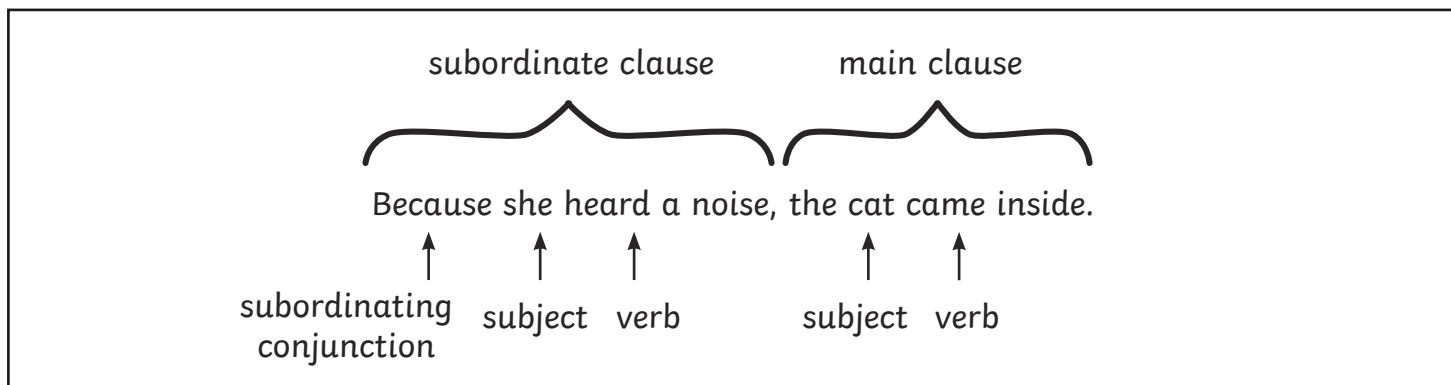
Conjunctions such as 'when', 'if' and 'because' can be used to join a main clause and a subordinate clause to make a complex sentence.

Remember a clause is a group of words which contains a subject and a verb.



Sometimes the conjunction might be placed at the start of the sentence.

When this happens, a comma is used to separate the two clauses in the sentence:



Rewrite the sentences below so that they start with the subordinating conjunction.

E.g. Bee grabs hold of Dog when Dog tries to run after a frenzied squirrel.

When Dog tries to run after a frenzied squirrel, Bee grabs hold of Dog.

1. Dad says that Dog cannot sleep in the tent because the tent is for humans.

2. Bee goes inside the tent when Dad takes Dog over to the other dogs.

3. Bee might have wanted to sleep outside with Dog if it had not been raining.

4. The tent is smelly because people break wind in there.

5. Bee listens to the rain drumming on the tent when she is lying in bed.

6. Bee tucks her toes under Dad's goatskin when Dad comes into the tent.

7. She is called Bee because she was small and fuzzy as a baby.

8. Bee plans to change her name if she grows up to be a fierce fighter.

9. Bee starts to dream when she closes her eyes.

10. Bee runs after Dog because she is desperate to keep him safe.

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★ Challenge Task ★

Can you write your own sentences about the story that start with 'when', 'if' and 'because'?

Subordination Answers

Part A

1. Bee always complains *when/if/because* she has to pluck feathers from ducks.
2. Dad says that Bee has to pluck feathers *because* it is her job.
3. The tribe have been on the move *because* they are on their way to their summer hunting ground.
4. Dog gets excited *when* he hears Bee shout.
5. Bee thinks she would be great at hunting *if* she were allowed to do it.
6. Bee is jealous of Rat *because* he has been taught to navigate.
7. You might damage your eyes *if/when* you look at the sun.
8. Bee drops the lifeless duck *when/because* Vulture asks them to follow him.
9. The tribe performs the Ritual *when/because* Bent Tree tells them to.
10. The cave lion mask is very special *because* it has been passed down in the tribe since the Long Frost.
11. Glinting Fang killed a cave lion *because/when* it attacked her tribe.
12. The elders look like fearsome monsters *when* they freeze.
13. Dog and Bee do their own ceremony *because/when* they are not allowed to join in with the Ritual.

Example answers:

The elders put on their best furs when it is time to perform the Ritual.

Bee giggles because she thinks the mask looks like it is eating Bent Tree's face.

Bee would love to join in with the Ritual if she could.

Part B

1. *Because the tent is for humans, Dad says that Dog cannot sleep in the tent.*
2. *When Dad takes Dog over to the other dogs, Bee goes inside the tent.*
3. *If it had not been raining, Bee might have wanted to sleep outside with Dog.*
4. *Because people break wind in there, the tent is smelly.*
5. *When she is lying in bed, Bee listens to the rain drumming on the tent.*
6. *When Dad comes into the tent, Bee tucks her toes under Dad's goatskin.*
7. *Because she was small and fuzzy as a baby, she is called Bee.*
8. *If she grows up to be a fierce fighter, Bee plans to change her name.*
9. *When she closes her eyes, Bee starts to dream.*
10. *Because she is desperate to keep him safe, Bee runs after Dog.*

★ Challenge Task ★

Example answers:

Because the storm is so severe, the tent collapses.

When Bee wakes up, she feels an icy wind.

If Bee doesn't go after Dog, she knows she might not see him again.