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Subordinate clauses and Subordinating conjunctions

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Welcome to Longfield – a bustling town filled with noise and craziness!

Tell your partner something you can see happening on a typical day in Longfield.

Write a single clause sentence detailing something that is happening.

e.g.

The driver honked the horn.



What is a single clause sentence?

Single clause checklist

A single clause must contain a **subject** and **verb**.

A single clause makes sense by itself.

The talented musician^S played^V his guitar.

A bike^S lay^V on the floor.

A dustbin truck^S was driving^V down the street.





Did you notice that the second part didn't make sense by itself?

...because he wanted to show off his skills.

...after the rider had fallen off.

...because it was collecting the rubbish.





You're right if you said that the second clause didn't make sense by itself!

That's because these are subordinate clauses.

They are clauses because they have a **subject** and a **verb** and they are subordinate because they start with a subordinating conjunction. These conjunctions make the clause dependent on the first clause (the main clause) to make sense.

...because ^She ^Vwanted to show off his skills.

Clause 2

...after ^Sthe rider ^Vhad fallen off.

Clause 2

...because ^Sit ^Vwas collecting the rubbish.

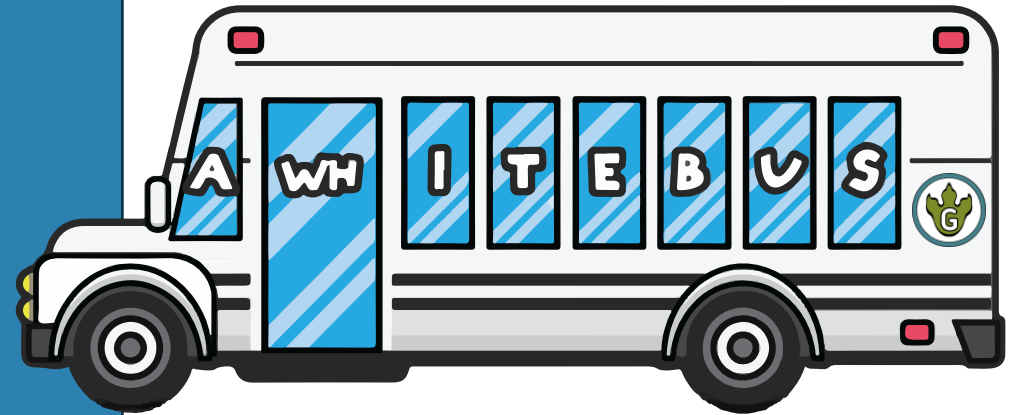
Clause 2





There are a range of subordinating conjunctions!

The easiest way to remember them is with the mnemonic A WHITE BUS.



Why not learn some of these conjunctions off by heart using our YouTube video?

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FK2Gyto5gTQ>

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