

# Subordinate Clauses and Subordinating Conjunctions

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**WH**

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**I**

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even if

**B**

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**U**

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**S**

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## Challenge 1

Underline the **subordinate clause**.

1. The man struggled to cross the road because he had broken his leg.
2. Even though Longfield was busy, Sharon enjoyed her trip to the shops.
3. When the guitarist began to play, the shoppers ran towards the fountain to listen
4. Mr Jones shouted for help as his dog quickly ran away.

## Challenge 2

Pick a multi-clause sentence from Challenge 1 above and change the position of the subordinate clause. Write your multi-clause sentence below, remembering to check your punctuation carefully.

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## Challenge 3

Pick a subordinating conjunction to complete the multi-clause sentences below. Is there more than one you can choose?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the guitarist had finished playing, the crowd cheered.
2. The teenager dropped the litter on the floor \_\_\_\_\_ he walked along the street.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the decorator had finished painting, he climbed down from the roof.
4. The golf clubs on the roof of the car fell off \_\_\_\_\_ the car braked suddenly.

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## Challenge 4

Read each multi-clause sentence in the table and tick whether the clause underlined is the main clause or the subordinate clause. Pick one and convince me that you are correct.

| Multi-clause sentences  | Main clause              | Subordinate clause       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Although it was raining, <u>Tommy walked to the shop.</u>              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Mum is taking me to buy some new shoes <u>after she finishes work.</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>I like to eat pepperoni pizza</u> because it is delicious.          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>If you finish your work,</u> you can go out to play.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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