



Answers

Year 4

Introducing Subordinating Conjunctions: When, If, Because, Although

Part 1: Spotting the Conjunctions

1. Circle the subordinating conjunction in the sentence below.

The children ran quickly inside the classroom because the school bell rang.

2. Underline the subordinate clause in the sentence below.

We managed to finish our art project although we ran out of blue paint.

3. Draw lines to match each sentence to the best subordinating conjunction.

Sentence	Conjunction
You can play on the computer ___ you tidy your bedroom first.	when
The match was cancelled ___ the pitch was completely flooded.	although
The lights flickered violently ___ the thunderstorm began.	if
The explorer kept walking ___ he was exhausted.	because

Part 2: The Comma Rule

4. Tick one box to show where a comma should go in the sentence below.

Although [] the dragon [] was terrifying [✓] it did not harm the villagers.

5. Rewrite the sentence below so that the subordinate clause comes first.

Acceptable Answer:

When the postman knocked on the door, the dog barked loudly.

Note: The Comma Rule: If you put the subordinate clause at the start of your sentence (a fronted subordinate clause), you must use a comma right after it!

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6. Tick the sentence that uses punctuation correctly.
- If you try your best you will win a shiny gold medal.
- If you try your best, you will win a shiny gold medal.
- If, you try your best you will win a shiny gold medal.

Part 3: Sentence Completion & Writing

7. Fill in the missing gap...
- The castle gates will remain locked

when
until
because
if

 the King returns from his journey.

8. Complete this sentence by adding a suitable subordinate clause.

Example Acceptable Answers:

The sneaky fox climbed over the high wall because he wanted to steal the chickens.

The sneaky fox climbed over the high wall although it was very tricky.

Note: Subordinate clause LAST → No comma.

Subordinate clause FIRST → Comma required.

9. Complete this sentence by adding a suitable main clause.

Example Acceptable Answers:

Because the weather was so beautiful and sunny, we went to the beach.

Because the weather was so beautiful and sunny, the ice cream melted instantly.

10. Read the sentence below. Tick the box to show the function of the word *although*.

It joins two main clauses together.

It adds extra information to the main clause. It tells us exactly when something happened.

It shows that two things happened at the exact same time.