

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS (AWUBIS)

- Subordinating conjunctions create dependent clauses.
- A *dependent clause* is a group of words that cannot stand alone in a sentence because it does not express a complete thought. It must be paired with an independent clause in either a complex or complex/compound sentence.

- ❖ Complex Sentence: Dependent Clause + Independent Clause
 - After I finish my homework, I plan to spend the evening relaxing.

- ❖ Complex/Compound Sentence: Dependent Clause + Independent Clause + Independent Clause
 - Because I stayed up so late, I'm extremely tired this morning and I feel grumpy.

Common Subordinating Conjunctions

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| A | after although as | as if as long as as though |
| W | when whenever where | whereas wherever while |
| U | unless until | |
| B | because before | |
| I | if if only in order that | |
| S | since so that | |

- Punctuating Subordinating Conjunctions/AWUBIS

- When the AWUBIS comes at the start of the sentence, use a comma after the dependent clause.
- You will usually not need a comma when the AWUBIS is in mid-sentence.