

113.1 CONJUNCTIONS

Coordinating conjunctions join together two words, phrases, or clauses of equal importance.

I like roses **and** sunflowers.

Coordinating conjunction



I like gardening, **but** I hate mowing the lawn.



A comma is used before a conjunction to link two main clauses with different subjects. The comma shows where one main clause ends and another begins.

Flora tried to water her flowers, **but** the hose burst.

Subject of first main clause.

The second main clause has a different subject.

A comma is placed before the conjunction.



113.2 USES OF CONJUNCTIONS

Conjunctions can be used to describe a variety of relationships between two words, phrases, or clauses.

**condition**

if
in case
unless
as long as
so long as
even if

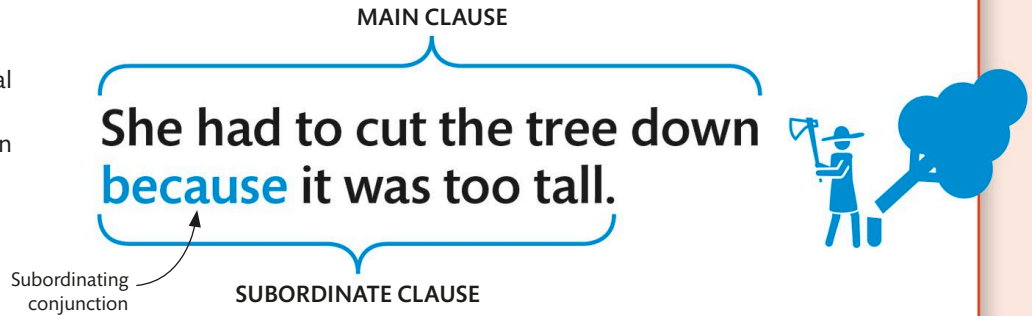
**time**

after
until
when
before
while
as soon as

Conjunctions are linking words that describe the relationship between two parts of a sentence. They can be coordinating or subordinating.

See also:
"Either / neither / both" 68
Linking words R25

Subordinating conjunctions join together two words, phrases, or clauses of unequal importance. A subordinate clause adds more information about the main clause.



contrast

although
but
however
even though
whereas
yet



cause

as
because
since



reason

in order to
in order that
so
so that
since