**Subordinating conjunctions**

A subordinating conjunction is a word that connects two clauses together.

A subordinating clause adds extra information to the main clause, but does not make sense (and is not a complete sentence) on its own.

For example:

Do not cross the road on a sharp bend as it is dangerous.

When you have finished your dinner, you may have pudding.

The red part starts with a subordinating conjunction, and does not make sentence on its own.

The blue part is a main clause and does make sense on its own.

Both sentences show how a subordinating conjunction has been used to add detail to the sentence.

Here is a list of subordinating conjunctions you could try and use in your writing today.

because after

even though as

if although

when while

despite until

unless since

before

E.g. While I was doing my homework, Stella was barking at dolphins swimming alongside us.

I am completely fed up with baked beans because we eat them every day!

Even though she’s sometimes really annoying, I’m glad we brought Stella with us on this adventure.

Notice that the subordinating conjunction can go at the beginning of a sentence or after the main clause to add more detail.