

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #9

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### FOCUS Subordinating Conjunctions

A **subordinating conjunction** begins a dependent clause. A dependent clause is a noun and connected verb that does not express a complete thought. It *depends* upon connecting to a complete thought to form a sentence.

**Example:** Although my friends had already seen it, they saw the show a second time.

### CONNECT TO WRITING

This memory trick will help you remember the common subordinating conjunctions:

**Bud is wise, but hot! AAA WWW**

**Bud:** Before, unless, despite (in spite of); **is:** in order that, since;

**wise:** while, if, since, even though (if); **but:** because, until, that; **hot:** how, once, than!

**AAA:** After; Although (though); As (As if, As long as, As much as, As soon as, As though)

**WWW:** Whether; When (Whenever); Where (Wherever)

### PRACTICE

Read the following short story and fill in the blanks with the correct subordinating conjunctions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Salma went to bed, she set her alarm to wake up early. The next day was going to be an important one for Salma \_\_\_\_\_ she was meeting with the principal to receive a special citizenship award. She woke up \_\_\_\_\_ she heard the alarm and crept downstairs to make her breakfast. \_\_\_\_\_ she was up early, her father had already eaten his breakfast and had left for work. \_\_\_\_\_ her father knew that Salma would be short on time that morning, he packed a lunch for his daughter and put it on the table \_\_\_\_\_ she would be sure to see it. \_\_\_\_\_ her father's help, Salma did leave the house a bit late.

### WRITE

Compose your own sentence beginning with a subordinating conjunction.

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