qaForming Complex Sentences 2

Using subordinating conjunctions

Write a complex sentence by combining the simple sentences given. Use subordinating conjunctions to connect them.

## List of Subordinating Conjunctions

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| After | Although | As | Because  | Before  |
| Even if | Even though | If | In order that | Once  |
| Provided that | Rather than | Since  | So that | Than |
| That | Though | Unless | Until | When |
| Whenever | Where | Whereas | Wherever | Whether |
| While | Why  |  |  |  |

## Steps

1. Choose your main clause (main idea of the sentence).
2. Choose the appropriate subordinating conjunction for the subordinate clause (time, place, cause).
3. Decide which goes first.
4. Decide whether to add a comma.
5. Change, substitute or delete words as appropriate.

## Attention: Punctuation

1. Main clause + ***nothing*** + subordinate clause
2. Subordinate clause + ***comma*** + main clause

## Questions

1. John decided to move to Phoenix. There are more job opportunities there.
2. You may borrow my Harry Potter book. You must promise to take extra care of it.
3. My garden will produce a lot of okras this summer. There has been a lot of rain.
4. The piano competition is next week. I must practice extra hard now.
5. Don’t pull weeds by hand. Why don’t you spray them with weed killer?
6. You should bake cookies. Your children will have snacks this afternoon.
7. It is better to learn self-defense. It is good to buy a pepper spray.
8. My aunt is going to buy a gun. She can protect herself from intruders in that rough neighborhood.
9. Roger can save a lot of money by taking the bus. Roger still drives his car to work every day.
10. Paul is going to finish his homework. It takes him all night.
11. My grand-daughter can’t wait. She gets her new bike.
12. Stay in the car. I’ll go into the store. I’ll be right back.
13. It’s a good idea to go to college for four years. It’s possible to get a good job without a degree.
14. He’s overweight. Tony eats a lot of food before he goes to bed. That’s not healthy.
15. The police can’t arrest the suspect in the crime. They don’t have more evidence against him.
16. Brian’s parents will let him have his own car. He doesn’t pay for his own insurance and gets into trouble with it.
17. Mrs. Jones was talking on the phone and not paying attention. Her kids were making a mess in the kitchen.
18. The police caught him driving while drunk. He lost his license.
19. Clint’s wife will have to get a job. They can’t afford to pay their mortgage and insurance.
20. You shouldn’t accept a ride in a car from anyone. You should know the person really well.
21. Fanny needs to see a doctor. Her back is really bothering her a lot.
22. Anwar Sadat was not a popular leader in his country. He had support from the business community.
23. Brianna and Ian have agreed not to move in together. They will get married before they move in together.
24. The teacher got angry. The students were talking. He was trying to teach the class.