**Independent clauses,** similar to simple sentences, can stand alone and function as a sentence:

* *Angela won the competition.*

**Dependent clauses**, however, need to be used together with an independent clause.

Independent clauses are combined with dependent clauses to make sense.

* *We'll go to the bank because we need some money.*
* *As soon as we land, I'll give you a call.*

Notice that dependent clauses can come first. In this case, we use a comma.

* *Before she comes, we'll eat some lunch.*
* *Because he's late for work, he took a taxi.*

**Writing Complex Sentences Using Subordinating Conjunctions (AWHITEBUS)**

[**Showing Opposition**](https://www.thoughtco.com/showing-opposition-in-written-english-1212358)**or Unexpected Results**

*although / even though / even if*

* **Although** I felt he was wrong, I decided to trust him.
* Sharon started looking for a new job **even though** she was currently employed.
* **Even if** I couldn't understand a word, we had a great time!

**Showing Cause and Effect**

To give reasons use these conjunctions that keep the same meaning.

*because / since / as*

* **Since** you need some help, I'll come over this afternoon.
* Henry felt he needed to take some time off **because** he had been working so hard.
* The parents paid for extra lessons **as** the children were very gifted.

**Expressing Time**

*when / as soon as / before / after*

* I used to play a lot of tennis **when** I was a teenager.
* We had a wonderful dinner **after** she had arrived.

**Expressing Conditions**

*if / unless / in the case that/ as long as*

* **If** I were you, I would take my time with that project.
* They won't come next week **unless** you ask them to do so.
* **In the case that**he isn't available, we'll look for another consultant.

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| **Feeling Fearless? Why don’t you try to compose a compound-complex sentence?**  Compound-complex Sentences:   * Though he has a crippling walnut allergy, Alberto bravely walked through the walnut grove, but he made sure to wear long sleeves. * Even though she was tired, Abby knew she had to finish the race, and she ran to meet her team. * Usually I take a walk every day while the sun sets, but it was raining today. * She likes to sleep in, but she can get up early if she has work. |

**Complex Sentence Worksheets**

Provide a fitting subordinating conjunction (one of **AWHITEBUS**) to fill the blank.

1. I'm going to the bank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I need some money.
2. I made lunch \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I got home.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it's raining, she's going for a walk in the park.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she finishes her homework soon, she will fail the class.
5. Brandley claims that there will be trouble \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he doesn't complete the job.
6. We went for a walk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it was raining.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Franklin wants to get a new job, he is preparing for job interviews.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cindy and David had eaten breakfast, they left for work.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alexander has an important presentation next week, he has been working sixty hours a week.
10. I usually work out at the gym \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I leave for work at eight.
11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bob didn't have much money, he bought the extremely expensive car.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate transition or a conjunctional phrase.

1. Employees need to continually expand their job skills \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they can achieve their full personal potential.

A) so that B) in case C) otherwise D) in addition to E) instead of

2. A violation of the law, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how slight, is a crime and therefore punishable.

A) even though B) no matter C) however D) thereby E) further

3. Food producers claim that adding fiber to foods is difficult \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it changes the qualities of the food.

A) in order that B) whereas C) since D) nevertheless E) although

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ little space you have in your garden, it's always possible to grow something to eat.

A) Hence B) So C) No matter how D) Although E) That

5. Thousands of beaches are closed every year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heavy rains cause waste from drainage systems to overflow into the ocean.

A) with the aim of B) hence C) on the other hand D) as a result of E) as