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Combining Sentences Using Subordinate Conjunctions

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➤ You can use **subordinate conjunctions** to combine sentences. These words can show **cause and effect** and **time relationships** between the sentences you combine.

since when after unless because as while before if although until whenever

The combined sentence will have two parts: an **independent clause** and a **dependent clause**. If you put the dependent clause at the beginning of a sentence, follow it with a **comma**.

Steve Rogers volunteered for the experiment.



independent clause

He wanted to protect people.



dependent clause

Steve Rogers volunteered for the experiment **because** he wanted to protect those who couldn't protect themselves.

The Red Skull raised his weapon.



dependent clause

Captain America threw his shield without hesitation.



independent clause

When the Red Skull raised his weapon, Captain America threw his shield without hesitation.

Directions: Combine each pair of sentences below. Use one of the subordinate conjunctions from above. **Underline** the conjunction you choose.

1. Steve Rogers was small and weak. He never backed down from a fight.

2. Dr. Erskine injected the super-soldier serum. Steve felt power surge through every muscle.

3. The Howling Commandos followed Captain America into battle. They trusted him completely.

4. Bucky Barnes fell from the moving train. Captain America reached out but couldn't grab him.

5. Cap crashed the plane into the Arctic Ocean. He wanted to save millions of innocent lives.

6. Captain America woke up in a hospital room. He realized seventy years had passed.

7. Tony Stark and Steve Rogers disagreed on almost everything. They stood side by side when it mattered most.

8. The Avengers were outnumbered by Thanos's army. Captain America picked up Mjolnir and charged.

 **Write a short paragraph** to describe what you think Captain America said to the Avengers before their final battle with Thanos. Use **subordinate conjunctions** in at least three of your sentences. *Circle* each conjunction you use.