

Subordinate clauses

Remember

A **subordinate clause** can be added to a **main clause** to give more detail about an event. The subordinate clause has a **verb** but does not make sense without the main clause. A subordinate clause usually begins with a **conjunction** such as 'after', 'although' or 'as'.

We thought we were safe **after the battle ended**.

main clause conjunction subordinate clause

Try it

1 Underline the subordinate clause in each sentence.

Kyle went into the house while Ashley waited outside.

We will plant the crops after the frost has gone.

We had to stop gardening as it was getting dark.

Ned nibbled at a biscuit although he wasn't really hungry.

Joe has been miserable since his friend went away.



2 Complete the subordinate clause in each sentence.

Yasmin licked her lips as _____

We cannot open the door unless _____

Take the washing down before _____

The mouse did not run away although _____

The shop was nearly empty because _____

The little man stamped his foot until _____

Sentence practice

Write three sentences about arriving at a campsite, using **subordinate clauses** to give extra details.
