

Using Subordinating Conjunctions

Everglades Forever
Grammar: Conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions are words that connect one sentence part to another. The subordinating conjunction makes one part of the sentence dependent on the other part. When two sentences are connected using a subordinating conjunction, they form a complex sentence. Some subordinating conjunctions are *if*, *because*, *although*, *after*, *when*, and *where*.

Because the hawk is desperate for food, it waits patiently to seize its prey.

Thinking Question
Which part of the sentence is dependent on the other part?

Activity Use a subordinating conjunction to write each pair of sentences as a complex sentence. Add commas where needed.

1. I wrote my report on the Everglades. I researched my topic thoroughly.
2. Our class saw the sun set over the still water. We all sighed in amazement.
3. We were on our best behavior. Going on the field trip was a privilege for our class.
4. We were all tired after our day. We continued to talk enthusiastically about our experiences.