

Subordination using 'when', 'because' and 'if'

Warm-Up



Can you write a sentence for each of these picture pairs using the conjunction **if**? The first one has been done for you.



if



You can have your cake **if** you have eaten your salad.



if



You can play your guitar **if** you have put the rubbish away.



if



You can have an ice cream **if** you help to wash up.



if



You can play outside **if** you have tidied your bedroom.



if



You can have new trainers **if** you put away your clothes.

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Can you write a sentence about something you get to do **if** you finish something else?

Look at the pictures around the clock. Can you choose two pictures and write a sentence about **when** you do these two things, using the conjunction **when** to join the clauses? For example, 'I will go to bed **when** I have eaten my dinner.'



I will go to sleep **when** I have gone to bed.



eat my lunch



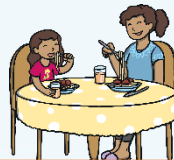
I will do my work **when** I have eaten my lunch.



I will go to bed **when** I have eaten my dinner.



I will go home **when** I have done my work.



I will eat my dinner **when** I have played outside.



I will play outside **when** I get home.

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Can you re-write one of your sentences so that it begins with **when** rather than using it in the middle?

Can you change each of these conversations into a complex sentence using the conjunction **because**?

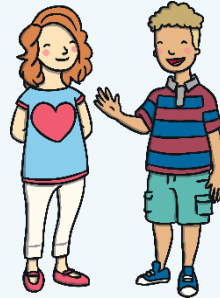
Why do I have to exercise?



Exercise helps to keep your body healthy.

You have to exercise **because** it helps to keep your body healthy.

Why are flamingoes pink?

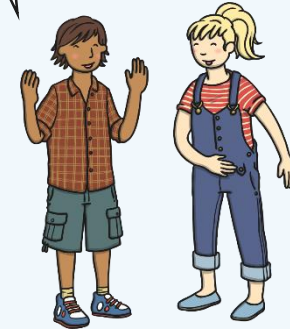


Flamingoes eat pink shrimp.

Flamingoes are pink **because** they eat pink shrimp.

Why are there 365 days in a year?

That's how long it takes for the Earth to go around the sun.



There are 365 days in a year **because** that's how long it takes for the Earth to go around the sun.

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Can you write your own question and answer conversation? Can you swap with a friend to see if they can change it into a complex sentence using the conjunction because?

These sentences are missing conjunctions. Can you sort them into either the **because** or the **if** lunchbox?

because

if

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I had a drink of water
_____ I was thirsty.

___ you leave now,
you will arrive on time.

My sister ate all the biscuits
_____ they are her favourite.

Put your hand up _____
you need help.

You can have a sticker
_____ you tried your best.

We can play board games
_____ it is a rainy day.

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Can any of these be used with both conjunctions?

Can you catch the correct conjunction fish to complete the complex sentence?

Correct!

Harry washed the car because it was very dirty.

Can you catch the correct conjunction fish to complete the complex sentence?

Correct!

Gran said Cheng could go to the park tomorrow
___ **if** ___ it was not raining.

Can you catch the correct conjunction fish to complete the complex sentence?

Correct!

Manoj was going to play on his computer when he got home from school.

Can you catch the correct conjunction fish to complete the complex sentence?

Correct!

Leah received a trophy because she won the spelling competition.

