

# 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

AND circle the conjunction AND label the main clause.

- 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.

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