

Combining Independent and Dependent Clauses to Create More Complex Sentences

The clauses below are all mixed up! Match the dependent and independent clauses. Then, circle the subordinating conjunctions in each new sentence. Note: Subordinating conjunctions can be a word or a phrase, refer to the list below.

Put your scraps into the compost bin	I haven't been feeling like myself.
Put your homework in your backpack	I am going to go make a snowman.
As soon as you are done cooking	since I haven't seen them in two months.
Since I got sick	by the time you get home from work.
Until New Year's Eve	after you are done eating.
I need some time to play with my friends	clean up your mess in the kitchen.
Whether or not you want to join me	we will be making plans for the party.
I will be at the beach	unless you have a key to your house.
Don't go home after school	so that you don't forget to bring it to class.
I love sushi	because it's delicious and good for me.

Now, finish these sentences, adding an independent clause to make them complex. The subordinating conjunctions are bolded.

1. **As** I expected, **the cats made a mess when I was out to work.**

2. **When** he was younger, **he played with his toy soldiers.**

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3. _____
_____ *She didn't want to eat tacos,* **although** the food was very good.

4. _____
_____ *April doesn't like to lose,* **because** she is really good at soccer.

Hint: Here are a list of the most common subordinating conjunctions:

After

Although

As

As far as

As if

As long as

As soon as

As though

Because

Before

By the time

Considering

Even if

Even though

Every time

If

In case

In order to

Now that

Once

Provided that

Since

So that

Than

Though

The first time

Unless

Until

When

Whenever

Whether or not

While

Where

Why