

Revision Card – Conjunctions

Clauses

Clauses are groups of words with an **active verb** and a **subject**; they make sense.

Harry **looked** around in amazement.

They **stepped** through the archway.

The **sun** **shone** brightly on a stack of cauldrons.

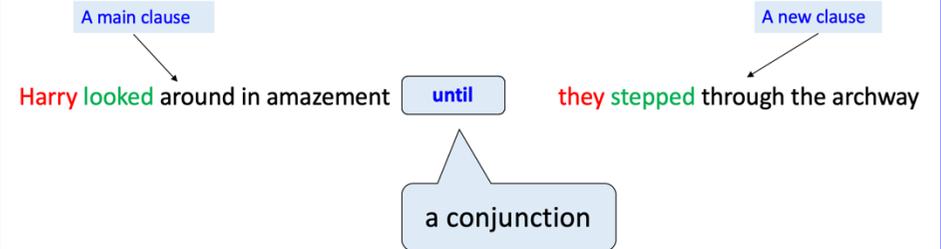
A cobbled **street** **twisted** out of sight.



The **subject** is 'the doer' of the verb; it can be a noun or pronoun.

Conjunctions are joining words

They help **add more detail** by joining new **clauses**... explaining **when**, **why** or **where** something happened.



Different conjunctions help us add different types of information

When?
before
after
when
while
as
until

Why?
because
as
so

Where?
where
wherever

I am worn **where** students are judged.

I am worn **because** I can sense where you belong.

I am worn **until** I declare which house a student should join.

I am worn...



Order of Clauses – When to use a Comma

If you add a clause **after a main clause**, you don't usually need a comma.
If the **added clause (subordinate)** is first, separate it with a **comma**.

Harry's broomstick snapped.

Harry's broomstick snapped **as he crashed into the tree**.

As he crashed into the tree, Harry's broomstick snapped.

The **comma** tells you to say the first clause **differently**. Try it.

The **comma** tells your reader or listener that the main bit is coming.

Conjunctions Activity

Highlight the clauses and underline the conjunctions in these sentences.

Re-write the sentence using a different conjunction.

Does this change the meaning of the sentence?

Hermione smiled with satisfaction while aiming the curse at Draco.

Hermione smiled with satisfaction after aiming the curse at Draco.

Hermione made a disappearing spell while Professor Snape wasn't looking.

Harry Potter released Hedwig because Dudley hurt him.

Ron skidded along the floor when it was wet.

Dudley's shirt buttons popped open as he ate his roast dinner.

The snake slithered quickly because he was hurt.

The Whomping Willow tried to hit Hermione because she was too near.

The Great Hall was lit with a thousand candles because it was dark outside.

Hagrid fed his dragon when he left for Privet Drive.

Moaning Myrtle cried in the toilets because she ran away.

List of Conjunctions

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