

# Combining Sentences with the help of Subordinating Conjunctions

A **Subordinating Conjunction** comes at the beginning of a **Dependent Clause** and establishes the relationship between the dependent clause and the rest of the sentence. It also turns the clause into something that **depends** on the rest of the sentence for its meaning.

- He made the bet confidently as though he knew he couldn't lose.
- Because he loved showing off at parties, he always pulled his howling trick.
- Unless we plug our ears, we will feel the need to howl too.

Directions: Use the subordinating conjunctions to help you combine the sentences below. These conjunctions should help you clarify the relationship between the **main (independent) clause** and the **subordinate (dependent) clause(s)**.

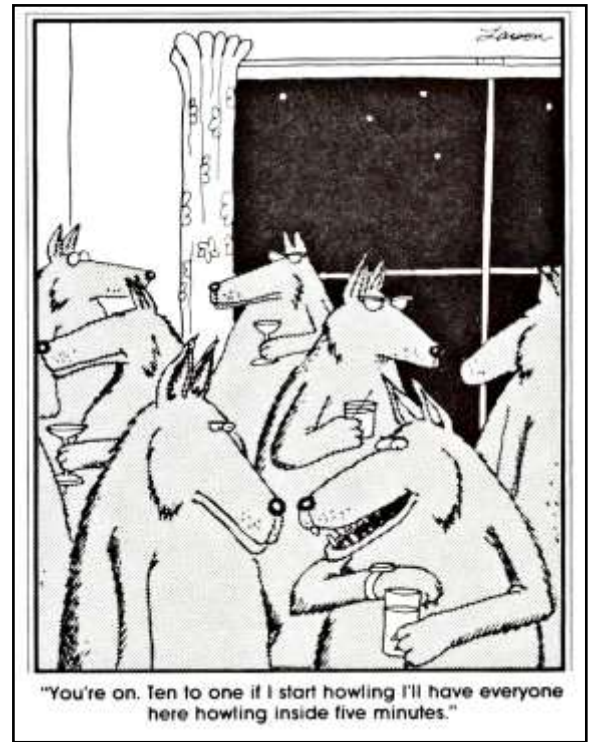
## Example #1

- Buck found Spitz in his nest.
- Buck was so angry.

Buck was so angry when he found Spitz in his nest.

**Or**

When Buck found Spitz in his nest, he was so angry.



I'm beginning to feel my own latent primordial instincts. Arroooooo!

Directions: Use **Example #1** and the **subordinating conjunctions** to combine the following pairs of sentences. **Underline** the use of each **subordinating conjunction** and make sure you include necessary punctuation.

1. Perrault was not daunted by anything. He was an excellent choice for government courier.
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2. The starving huskies snuck into camp. Buck and Spitz began their struggle for supremacy.
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3. Dolly nearly ran Buck to death. Spitz took advantage of the opportunity to attack.
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4. Francois and Perrault chose to lift the sled and team up a cliff. They decided not to take chances on cracking ice.
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We will try side 2 at the next class.

Now that you have a handle on combining two simple sentences, lets make things a little more complex. Do not be afraid. These sentences won't bite. (Be creative.)



Example #2

- The dog team was greatly outnumbered by the wild huskies.
- They fought them resolutely.
- They finally had to escape across the ice.

Even though the dog team was greatly outnumbered by the wild huskies, they fought them resolutely before finally escaping across the ice. (“before” begins an adverbial phrase in this sentence)

5. Dolly went crazy. Francois saved Buck. Spitz jumped on the opportunity.

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6. Pike was scared of Spitz. He gained a new courage. Buck backed up Pike.

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7. Buck caused trouble on the team. He was too smart to get caught. Francois knew he was the problem.

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8. The dogs recuperated in Dyea. Buck began to feel the call of the wild. The call became stronger and stronger.

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9. One night Dub spooked a snowshoe rabbit. Buck led the pack of sixty dogs in the chase. Spitz took his glory.

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10. Spitz was a much more experienced fighter. The dominant primordial beast took him down.

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