

Subordinating Conjunctions

Point 1: Subordinating conjunctions of reason and contrast show relationships between actions.

1. We ate dinner early **because** we were hungry.
2. Let's see a movie **since** we are at the cinema.
3. She wore a coat **even though** it was hot.
4. **While** he is smart, he is a very lazy student.

Point 2: Because and since shows a reason.

1. I have to leave **because** I work tomorrow.
2. **Because** I work tomorrow, I have to leave.
3. We went inside **since** it was raining.
4. **Since** it was raining, I went inside.

Point 3: Even though shows contrast between two actions.

1. We stayed inside **even though** it was sunny.
2. **Even though** it was sunny, we stayed inside.
3. I passed the test **even though** I did not study.
4. **Even though** I did not study, I passed the test.

Point 4: Although contrasts ideas and means the same as **even though**, but it is not as flexible in usage.

1. **Although** I am fat, I am very fit.
2. **Although** I have a license, I never drive my car.
3. **Although** I like fashion, I have few clothes.
4. You can eat that **although** you will regret it.

Point 5: While also contrasts ideas. It is only used to contrast ideas from the start of a sentence.

1. **While** I hate vegetables, I still eat them.
2. **While** I speak Japanese, I never use it.
3. **While** I do like sports, I do not play them often.
4. **While** you can say that, you can't mean it.

Subordinating Conjunctions for Reason

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Why did you go home early yesterday?

Woman: I left early **because** I was sick.

Man: Well, **since** you were not here, I can't pay you.

Woman: I understand, **although** I did work from home.

Man: Oh, you did.

Woman: Yes, I can show you my work.

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: I love the spring **because** the weather's so cool.

Woman: I do, too, but I don't like rainy weather, and it always rains a lot.

Man: Yeah, and I sometimes get allergies.

Woman: Me too, **although** it hasn't been bad this year.

Man: Yeah, not so much. I think it's **because** of El Nino.

Woman: Maybe, **although** who knows?

Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Let's go to the store **because** it closes.

Woman: When does it close?

Man: It closes at ten **because** it's Sunday.

Woman: Let's go then **since** it's already 5:30.

Man: Sounds good. Should I drive?

Woman: No, I will **since** you drive slow.

Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Can I use your iPad?

Woman: Yeah, sure. It's over there.

Man: Can I use it record a short video?

Woman: Sure, what are filming?

Man: Well, **even though** I am a terrible cook, I'm making a cooking video for my son.

Woman: Fun! **Since** you're doing that, can I be in it, too?

Guy: Sure, as you wish.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) She left early because _____ .

a) she was sick

b) her work was done

2) She does not like _____ .

a) rain

b) spring

3) It closes early because it is _____ .

a) a holiday

b) Sunday

4) She asks him to _____ .

a) be careful with the iPad

b) join in the video

Gap Fill: Complete the conversation with the correct word!

Question 1 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- understand
- because
- can't

- early
- were
- work

- can
- home

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- cool
- allergies
- Maybe

- spring
- Nino

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- soon

- Let's
- close

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Question 4 of 4

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- doing
- though

- filming
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- wish

- record
- use

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Corporate Vocabulary

Cash Flow

Movement of money through time.

“My teacher told us that he uses cash flow to analyze the financial situation of a company.”

"My instructor mentioned that he relies on cash flow as a primary indicator of a company's financial stability."

Competitor

Rival business.

“We are tracking the performance of our competitor new products.”

"We are conducting continuous performance intelligence on our competitor latest product line launches."

Deliverable

A tangible outcome provided to a client.

“Engineering has to issue many deliverables at the end of the week.”

"The engineering team is currently focused on clearing a high volume of deliverables in the pipeline for this week's close."

Diversification

Spreading investments and/or focus.

“Marketing is working on market diversification to reduce risk.”

"Marketing is implementing initiatives aimed at mitigating market risk through diversification."