

Grammar Explanation

Using subordinating conjunctions (*because, although*)

- Subordinating conjunctions are used to connect a dependent clause to the main clause. Note that the clause attached to the subordinating conjunction *since* in the following example is dependent; it cannot stand on its own.
 - Example: **Since** *the defendant killed his victim after days of careful planning, he will be charged with first degree murder.*
- Some of the most common subordinating conjunctions are: *although, even though, after, before, if, even if, whether, when, while, since, because, unless.*
- When the dependent clause comes first, use a comma after it.
 - Example: **Even though** *the economy is showing signs of improvement, unemployment is still very high.*
- When the main clause comes first, do not use a comma.
 - Example: *Unemployment is still very high* **even though** *the economy is showing signs of improvement.*

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