

Subordination using 'when', 'because' and 'if'

Warm-Up



Can you write a sentence for each of these picture pairs using the conjunction **if**? The first one has been done for you.



if



You can have your cake **if** you have eaten your salad.



if



if



if



if



Can you write a sentence about something you get to do **if** you finish something else?

Answers



if



You can have your cake **if** you have eaten your salad.



if



You can play your guitar **if** you have put the rubbish away.



if



You can have an ice cream **if** you help to wash up.



if



You can play outside **if** you have tidied your bedroom.



if



You can have new trainers **if** you put away your clothes.

Look at the pictures around the clock. Can you choose two pictures and write a sentence about **when** you do these two things, using the conjunction **when** to join the clauses? For example, 'I will go to bed **when** I have eaten my dinner.'



go to sleep



eat my lunch



do my work



go to bed



go home



eat dinner



play outside

Can you re-write one of your sentences so that it begins with **when** rather than using it in the middle?

Answers



I will go to sleep **when**
I have gone to bed.



eat my lunch



I will do my work **when**
I have eaten my lunch.



I will go to bed **when** I
have eaten my dinner.



I will go home **when** I
have done my work.



I will eat my dinner **when**
I have played outside.



I will play outside **when** I get home.

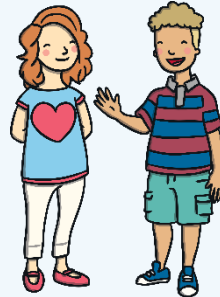
Can you change each of these conversations into a complex sentence using the conjunction **because**?

Why do I
have to
exercise?



Exercise helps
to keep your
body healthy.

Why are
flamingoes
pink?



Flamingoes
eat pink
shrimp.

Why are there 365
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That's how long it
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go around the sun.



Answers

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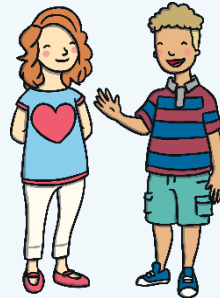
Exercise helps to keep your body healthy.



You have to exercise **because** it helps to keep your body healthy.

Why are flamingoes pink?

Flamingoes eat pink shrimp.



Flamingoes are pink **because** they eat pink shrimp.

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That's how long it takes for the Earth to go around the sun.



There are 365 days in a year **because** that's how long it takes for the Earth to go around the sun.

Can you write your own question and answer conversation? Can you swap with a friend to see if they can change it into a complex sentence using the conjunction because?

These sentences are missing conjunctions. Can you sort them into either the **because** or the **if** lunchbox?

because

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if

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I had a drink of water
----- I was thirsty.

--- you leave now,
you will arrive on time.

My sister ate all the biscuits
----- they are her favourite.

Put your hand up -----
you need help.

You can have a sticker
---- you tried your best.

We can play board games
---- it is a rainy day.

Show answers

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Show answers

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if

Put your hand up **if** ____
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if ____ it is a rainy day.

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