

## Identifying Subordinating Conjunctions \_\_\_\_\_

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**Read each sentence below. Box in and label the independent clause. Underline the dependent clause. Circle the subordinating conjunction.**

Because you are my best friend, I value your opinion.

You may go to the park after you finish your homework.

More than anything in this world, I would like to travel.

The boy ate all of his spinach so that his mother would be proud.

Since it is raining outside, we will have to cancel the picnic.

As long as you do your best, you will do well in this class.

Remember to put your dishes in the sink before you go out to play.

I want you to put your toys away so that your room will look neat.

Less than the cost of a car, a bicycle is a reliable form of transportation.

When identifying subordinating conjunctions in complex sentences, I feel:  
\_\_\_\_\_ confident    \_\_\_\_\_ a little unsure    \_\_\_\_\_ confused

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Because you are my best friend, I value your opinion.

(Box "I value your opinion." Circle "because" Underline "Because you are my best friend")

You may go to the park after you finish your homework.

(Box "You may go to the park." Circle "after" Underline "After you finish your homework.")

More than anything in this world, I would like to travel.

(Box "I would like to travel." Circle "More than" Underline "More than anything in this world")

The boy ate all of his spinach so that his mother would be proud.

(Box "The boy ate all of his spinach." Circle "so that" Underline "So that his mother would be proud")

Since it is raining outside, we will have to cancel the picnic.

(Box "We will have to cancel the picnic." Circle "Since" Underline "Since it is raining outside")

As long as you do your best, you will do well in this class.

(Box "You will do well in class. Circle "As long as" Underline "As long as you do your best")

Remember to put your dishes in the sink before you go out to play.

(Box "Remember to put your dishes in the sink." Circle "Before" Underline "Before you go out to play")

I want you to put your toys away so that your room will look neat.

(Box "I want you to put your toys away." Circle "so that" Underline "so that your room will be neat")

Less than the cost of a car, a bicycle is a reliable form of transportation.

(Box "A bicycle is a reliable form of transportation." Circle "Less than" Underline "Less than the cost of a car")

