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- A **dependent clause** cannot stand alone as a sentence.
- A dependent clause often begins with a conjunction.
- Some conjunctions tell *where, when, why, how, or under what condition.*

where	when	why	how	although
as	before	because	as if	if
as soon as	after	since	as though	unless

**Combine each pair of sentences using the given conjunction.**

1. The night became very dark. A cloud hid the moon. (when)

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2. Gracie reads books about the moon. She comes home. (as soon as)

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3. People weigh less on the moon. Gravity is weaker there. (because)

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4. I've studied stars and planets. I was eight years old. (since)

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5. I always put on my spacesuit. I leave the ship. (before)

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6. You can't breathe on the moon. You bring an oxygen tank. (unless)

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7. Astronauts visited the moon. The moon is over 250,000 miles away. (although)

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- A sentence that contains two related ideas joined by a conjunction other than *and*, *but*, or *or* is called a **complex sentence**.

**To form a complex sentence, combine these ideas using the given conjunction. Be sure that the new sentence makes sense.**

1. The astronaut eats his meal. He floats around in the rocket. (as)

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2. Light leaves a star. It takes thousands of years to reach Earth. (after)

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3. Eat some freeze-dried snacks. You work at the computer. (while)

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4. He goes to the library. He reads books about space. (where)

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5. Mom doesn't want me to come along. It is dangerous. (since)

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6. Fasten your seatbelts. The ship takes off. (before)

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7. He brought a chunk of moon rock. He came home for the holidays. (when)

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8. They watched. The rocket blasted off into space. (as)

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- Remember that some conjunctions tell *where*, *when*, *why*, *how*, or *under what condition*.

**Rewrite the letter below. Fix any spelling, punctuation, and grammar mistakes.**

678 Saturn Road  
Baltimore, MD 21204  
July 11 2010

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes  
39 Sunshine Drive  
Baltimore MD 21286

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes,

I would like to be an astroknot. Because it would be exciting. You were the first people to travel to Mars. I bet you know a lot about space travel. I would like to learn more about outer space? I want to travel to Mars someday. I also plan to visit Jupiter and Venus. do you know which schools I could go to!

Sincerely,  
Diana Smith

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**Choose the best conjunction to combine each pair of sentences.**

1. It was the year 1969 \_\_\_\_\_ the first person walked on the moon.
  - a until
  - b as if
  - c when
  - d since
  
2. A month will pass \_\_\_\_\_ we see a full moon again.
  - e before
  - f unless
  - g as
  - h as soon as
  
3. You need to wear a space suit \_\_\_\_\_ the temperatures are extreme.
  - a although
  - b because
  - c after
  - d why
  
4. He jumped high off the ground \_\_\_\_\_ his body were weightless.
  - e how
  - f before
  - g as if
  - h until
  
5. I would not move to the moon \_\_\_\_\_ it is a beautiful place.
  - a if
  - b after
  - c as though
  - d although

