

Macbeth: Act 5
Year 3 and Year 4
Grammar Exercise: Subordinating conjunctions

Conjunctions

A **conjunction** is a type of connective. Specifically, a coordinating conjunction connects two **clauses** in a sentence.

For example, Malcolm **and** Macduff marched towards Dunsinane Castle.

The coordinating conjunction in this sentence is **and**

Conjunctions					
and	yet	but	or	nor	so

Subordinating conjunctions

A subordinating conjunction introduces a subordinate clause (a clause that does not make sense on its own).

For example, Macbeth can't stay in his castle **if** he wants to stay alive.

Conjunctions don't always appear in the middle of sentences, they can go at the beginning of a sentence.

For example, **If** he wants to stay alive, Macbeth can't stay in his castle.

Subordinating Conjunctions					
after	because	if	since	though	
	unless	until	when	where	why
	whereas	whenever	as soon as		

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Exercise 1: Find the subordinating conjunctions in the wordsearch below. The words go in all directions, including diagonally.

after
because
soon
until
whereas

as
if
though
when
where

as
since
unless
whenever
why

C	D	F	L	M	T	B	E	C	A	U	S	E	W	S
A	S	I	Y	H	S	S	E	L	N	U	X	Z	D	A
R	P	A	O	B	H	H	W	M	H	N	U	W	W	I
T	F	U	H	O	J	Z	I	H	Z	Q	N	B	G	R
J	G	K	L	V	P	F	T	F	Y	B	Y	K	E	W
H	R	E	V	E	N	E	H	W	H	E	G	T	S	H
X	Z	P	S	E	G	P	H	U	M	W	F	H	I	E
L	W	L	M	U	R	B	J	B	O	A	W	B	N	R
I	L	W	V	N	A	N	P	Y	H	Y	A	A	C	A
B	F	L	E	K	O	Q	R	T	Z	T	A	S	E	S
M	Y	H	I	O	L	E	G	A	S	X	A	V	F	A
L	W	X	S	T	K	R	Y	B	W	Z	M	S	O	Z
P	L	J	G	Y	N	E	Z	P	Z	S	W	E	G	Y
Z	K	Y	E	E	Z	U	Q	E	Y	A	B	Z	E	Q
D	A	U	W	H	E	R	E	H	R	V	U	U	K	A

Exercise 2: Complete each sentence. At this stage in the story, Macbeth has gone out to fight Malcolm and Macduff's army.

Macbeth swung his sword **as soon as he saw Malcolm's army in front of his castle.**

Macbeth swung his sword **because _____**

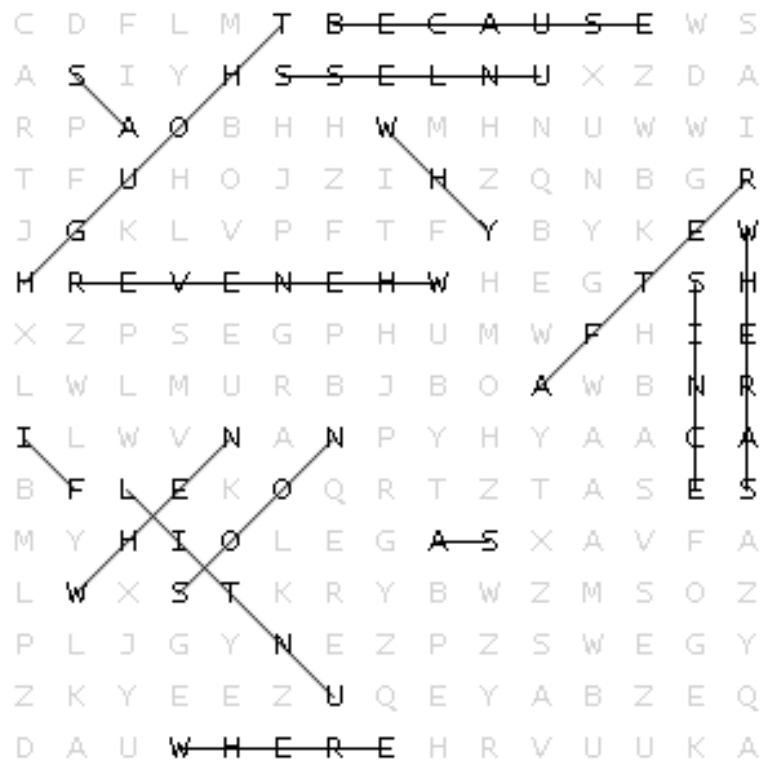
Macbeth swung his sword **but _____**

Macbeth swung his sword **and _____**

Macbeth swung his sword **when _____**

Macbeth: Act 5 Year 3 and Year 4 ANSWERS

Exercise 1: Word search



Exercise 2: You can have a whole range of answers for these. Below are some examples.

Macbeth swung his sword **as soon as** he saw Malcolm's army in front of his castle.

Macbeth swung his sword **because Macduff was coming at him.**

Macbeth swung his sword **but Macduff ducked.**

Macbeth swung his sword **and killed the soldier attacking him.**

Macbeth swung his sword **when the soldier lunged at him.**