Conjunctions

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

**For example,** Hamlet **and** Horatio walked towards the 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,** Hamlet must fight Laertes if he wants a chance of victory.

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

**For example,** If he wants a chance of victory, Hamlet must fight Laertes.

**Subordinating Conjunctions**

after

because

if

since

though

unless until when

whereas whenever

where why

as soon as

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Exercise 1: Tick the correct box to show whether the conjunction is a coordinating or subordinating conjunction

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| **Sentence** | **Subordinating conjunction** | **Coordinating conjunction** |
| **Claudius knew Gertrude would die as soon as he saw her drink the wine.** |  |  |
| **Laertes and Hamlet charged at one another and their swords clashed.** |  |  |
| **Hamlet asked Laertes to forgive him because he hadn’t meant for his father and sister to die.**  |  |  |
| **Hamlet didn’t know what to do when he saw Ophelia’s grave.** |  |  |
| **As soon as Claudius saw Hamlet he knew he had lost the crown.** |  |  |
| **It was a terrible tale and so many casualties on both sides.** |  |  |
| **Hamlet nor Laertes survived.** |  |  |
| **Horatio wondered why it had all ended this way.** |  |  |
| **Until his father and sister’s deaths were avenged Laertes would not feel at peace.** |  |  |
| **After Ophelia’s death Claudius knew he could persuade Laertes to fight Hamlet.**  |  |  |

Exercise 2: Underline the subordinating conjunction in each sentence. Then, re write each sentence changing where the subordinating conjunction goes.

**Example: Claudius knew Gertrude would die as soon as he saw her drink the wine.**

As soon as he saw her drink the wine, Claudius knew Gertrude would die.

1. Hamlet didn’t know what to do when he saw Ophelia’s grave.
2. As soon as Claudius saw Hamlet he knew he had lost the crown.
3. Until his father and sister’s deaths were avenged Laertes would not feel at peace.
4. After Ophelia’s death Claudius knew he could persuade Laertes to fight Hamlet.
5. Horatio wondered why it had all ended this way.

Exercise 3: Complete each sentence. At this stage in the story, Gertrude had just drunk the poisoned wine

**Gertrude gasped as soon as she drank the wine.**

**Gertrude gasped because**

**Gertrude gasped but**

**Gertrude gasped and**

**Gertrude gasped when**

# HAMLET

# Act 5

Year 5 and Year 6

ANSWERS

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Exercise 2:

1. Hamlet didn’t know what to do when he saw Ophelia’s grave.

When he saw Ophelia’s grave, Hamlet didn’t know what to do.

1. As soon as Claudius saw Hamlet he knew he had lost the crown.

He knew he had lost the crown as soon as Claudius saw Hamlet.

1. Until his father and sister’s deaths were avenged Laertes would not feel at peace.

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Why it had all ended this way Horatio wondered.

Exercise 3: You can have a whole range of answers for these.