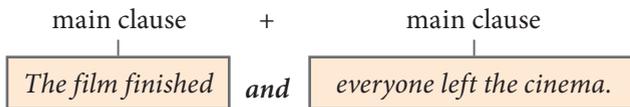


- A: How was the film?
 B: Great! You must watch it when you have chance.
 A: But I didn't like his last one.
 B: Oh, this one is fantastic, compared to that.
 A: I also read that it lasts over three hours!
 B: Don't worry. Even though it's long, it goes really quickly.
 A: Did you have to book a ticket in advance?
 B: No. Given that it was the weekend, the cinema was virtually empty.
 A: Oh well, maybe I should go tonight.
 B: You should. In fact, since it was so good, I might go with you and watch it again.

Presentation

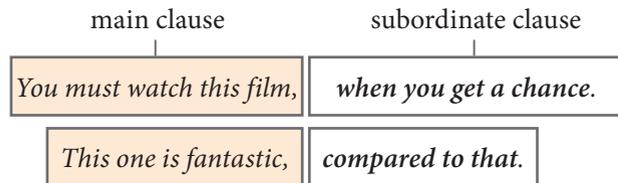
Sentences normally consist of one or two clauses. When there are two clauses, they can have two main clauses or a main clause and a subordinate clause.

Sometimes these are two main clauses, joined by a conjunction such as *and*, *but* or *or*. The two clauses make sense without each other.



*The film finished **but** everyone wanted to watch it again.*

However, other sentences often have a main clause and a subordinate clause, joined by a conjunction such as *when*, *if*, *although*, *because*:



The main clause makes sense without the subordinate clause, but the subordinate clause (in bold) does not make sense without the main clause:

Even though it's long, it goes really quickly.

Given that it was the weekend, the cinema was virtually empty.

Since it was so good, I might go with you and watch it again.

Subordinate clauses add meaning to the main clause by giving more information about, for example, cause, comparison or time. You can introduce a subordinate clause using the following linking words:

cause / reason	<i>as, because, considering (that), given (that), in view of the fact that, since</i>
condition	<i>as long as, assuming (that), if, provided that, supposing (that), unless</i>
contrast	<i>although, even though, having said that, in spite of the fact that, regardless of the fact that</i>
time	<i>as, before, when, while, early on, by the time</i>
precaution	<i>in case, in the event of</i>
comparison	<i>compared to, contrary to, relative to</i>
other	<i>as far as ... is concerned, thinking about it, insofar as</i>

1 Match the subordinate clause (1–8) to the main clause (a–h).

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| 1 In view of the fact that no one did the homework this week, | a I really enjoyed that film. |
| 2 As long as I'm in charge, | b can you come and help me with something? |
| 3 Although I don't normally like science fiction, | c I'll take you to the cinema this evening. |
| 4 When you have a free moment, | d walk to the nearest exit and leave the cinema. |
| 5 In the event of fire, | e it isn't true that they are making a sequel. |
| 6 Contrary to the news reports, | f why don't you go book the tickets online right away? |
| 7 Provided that you finish all your homework, | g I'm going to give you all double the amount next. |
| 8 While you're logged into the site, | h you'll do what I say. |

2 Underline the linking words and phrases in the subordinate clauses in exercise 1.

For example: (1) In view of the fact that no one did the homework this week ...

3 Read about an English actor and writer. Choose the correct linking words or phrases.

Dirk Bogarde



¹Assuming that / In spite of the fact that you have watched English films from the fifties and sixties, the actor Dirk Bogarde is a well-known face. ²In case / As far as you have never seen him or heard of him, then he made some excellent films. ³Although / Early on in his career, he appeared in lots of comedies and his handsome looks helped him to stardom. ⁴Unless / Insofar as he was always in work, Bogarde had become a successful actor and household name by the end of the fifties. However, in the sixties, Bogarde started to choose more challenging film roles. ⁵In the event of / Compared to his previous films, his film *Victim* in 1961 was very different. ⁶While / Because in the past his films had been funny, this one dealt with blackmail and suicide. Bogarde went on to make many more art-house films and worked with directors from all over the world. ⁷In spite of / In view of his film career, Bogarde suddenly changed direction in the late seventies and began to write his memoirs as well as novels. ⁸Given that / By the time he died in 1999, he had won awards and fame both for acting and writing.

4 Complete the subordinate clause with a linking word or phrase.

as far as by the time contrary to even though given that provided that

- 1 I have so little time, I rarely go to the cinema.
- 2 I was completely lost the film had reached the bit about her past life.
- 3 her acting goes, I'd say she'll win an Oscar for that performance.
- 4 I'll come with you to the cinema, you're paying.
- 5 I didn't like the film much, I enjoyed the drinks and popcorn!
- 6 what the film critics wrote about it, I thought it was a good film.