

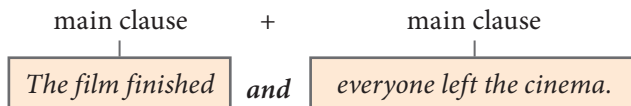


- A: How was the film?
 B: Great! You must watch it when you have chance.
 A: But I didn't like his last one.
 B: Oh, this one is fantastic, compared to that.
 A: I also read that it lasts over three hours!
 B: Don't worry. Even though it's long, it goes really quickly.
 A: Did you have to book a ticket 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

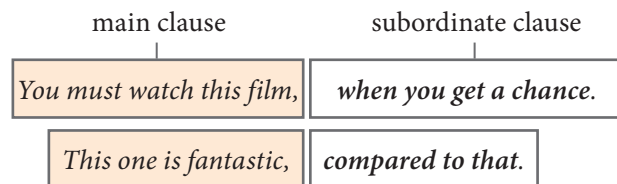
Sentences normally consist of one or two clauses. When there are two clauses, they can have two main clauses or a main clause and a subordinate clause.

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

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

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