

after	before	until
although	if	when
as	since	where
because	unless	while

An adverb clause is a *dependent clause*, the same as an adjective clause. It cannot stand alone as a complete sentence. It depends on a *main clause* (an independent clause) for its meaning.

Dependent clause: If we are faithful. (cannot stand alone)

Main, or independent, clause: We shall be rewarded.

A sentence that contains a dependent clause and an independent clause is a *complex sentence*. The dependent clause may be an adverb clause or an adjective clause.

We shall study when recess is over. (adverb clause)

The boy whom you saw is my brother. (adjective clause)

To find an adverb clause in a sentence, look for a clause that begins with a subordinating conjunction. It may come before or after the main clause.

The fluffy snowflake quickly melted after it fell on my hand.

After it fell on my hand, the fluffy snowflake quickly melted.

An adverb clause is set off by a comma when it comes before the main clause. Notice how this is done in the sentence above.

- An adverb clause is a clause that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb. Adverb clauses may tell *how*, *when*, *where*, *why*, and *to what degree*, as well as *how long*, *how much*, *in spite of what*, *under what condition*, and other things.
- An adverb clause begins with a subordinating conjunction, such as *after*, *although*, *as*, *because*, *before*, *if*, *since*, *unless*, *until*, *when*, *where*, and *while*.
- A sentence with an adverb clause is a complex sentence.
- An adverb clause may be found before or after the main clause in a sentence.

Lesson Outline:

1. An adverb clause is a clause that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb. It may tell *how*, *when*, *where*, *why*, and *to what degree*, as well as *how long*, *how much*, *in spite of what*, *under what condition*, and other things. (Teacher: Only adverb clauses that modify verbs are taught in this lesson.)

2. An adverb clause begins with a subordinating conjunction. An adverb clause is a dependent clause that depends on a main clause (an independent clause) for its meaning. Here are some common subordinating conjunctions.

after	because	since	when
although	before	unless	where
as	if	until	while

3. A sentence with an adverb clause is a complex sentence.

4. An adverb clause may come before or after the main clause in a sentence.

5. When an adverb clause comes at the beginning of a sentence, it is set off by a comma.