

# Confused Clauses

Are the following clauses **main** or **subordinate**? Label them.

1. while the rain poured down \_\_\_\_\_
2. I play football every day \_\_\_\_\_
3. unless the bus arrives \_\_\_\_\_
4. because I don't know the answer \_\_\_\_\_
5. please play with me \_\_\_\_\_
6. as soon as we arrive \_\_\_\_\_
7. when the sun shines \_\_\_\_\_
8. Fred enjoys eating cake \_\_\_\_\_

Now, write a complex sentence (including a main and subordinate clause) to describe the following pictures. Use the subordinating conjunction given.



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# Confused Clauses Answers

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1. while the rain poured down \_\_\_\_\_ **subordinate**
2. I play football every day \_\_\_\_\_ **main**
3. unless the bus arrives \_\_\_\_\_ **subordinate**
4. because I don't know the answer \_\_\_\_\_ **subordinate**
5. please play with me \_\_\_\_\_ **main**
6. as soon as we arrive \_\_\_\_\_ **subordinate**
7. when the sun shines \_\_\_\_\_ **subordinate**
8. Fred enjoys eating cake \_\_\_\_\_ **main**

Now, write a complex sentence (including a main and subordinate clause) to describe the following pictures. Use the subordinating conjunction given.



if \_\_\_\_\_ e.g. **If** the lizard doesn't hide in the burrow, it  
\_\_\_\_\_ might get eaten by a bird.

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before \_\_\_\_\_ e.g. The motorbike slowed down **before** reaching  
\_\_\_\_\_ the end of the race.

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