


Adverb Clauses

 An **adverb clause** is a subordinate clause that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. It answers the adverb question How? Under what condition? or Why? Words that introduce adverb clauses are called **subordinating conjunctions**. The many **subordinating conjunctions** include such words as *when, after, before, since, although, and because*.

Example: I finished **before the bell rang**.

adverb clause

Practice

A. Underline the adverb clause in each sentence below.

1. We had agreed to go hiking when the cloudy skies cleared.
2. Although the weather was mild and sunny, we took along our jackets.
3. Clouds began to move in once again after we arrived at the park.
4. We felt comfortable about the weather because we were prepared.
5. Since we had our jackets, we didn't get too cold.
6. Although the clouds remained, it never rained.
7. It was exhilarating to see the view when we got to the top of the hill.
8. After enjoying the beauty and the quiet for a while, we hiked back down.
9. We decided to drive home the long way since it was still early.
10. We had a wonderful day because we were so relaxed and happy.

B. Add an adverb clause to each independent clause below.

1. We ate breakfast (before) _____

2. Jay and I carried umbrellas (since) _____

3. We took the bus to the museum (because) _____

4. People in line waited (when) _____

5. We saw the exhibit (after) _____

6. Joel and I baked cookies (when) _____

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Answer Key

- A.
1. when the cloudy skies cleared
 2. Although the weather was mild and sunny
 3. after we arrived at the park
 4. because we were prepared
 5. Since we had our jackets
 6. Although the clouds remained
 7. when we got to the top of the hill
 8. After enjoying the beauty and the quiet for a while
 9. since it was still early
 10. because we were so relaxed and happy
- B. Sentences will vary.

