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Adverb Clauses

An **adverb clause** is a subordinate clause that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. A **subordinating conjunction** introduces an adverb clause. Some common subordinating conjunctions are *when, after, before, since, although, and because*. Use commas to set off an adverb clause at the beginning of or in the middle of sentences.

Examples:

Sharon will go *when you are ready*. Mario arrived *before the play began*.



Write the adverb clause from each sentence. Underline the subordinating conjunction in the clause you have written.

1. Ansel Adams started taking pictures when he was still a teenager.

2. Although Adams was also an avid conservationist, he is best known for his splendid photographs.

3. His landscapes look as if they are from another world.

4. Since Adams died, his photographs have continued to increase in value.

5. Though many have studied his technique, few have been able to match the clarity of his photographs.

6. The project was finished because every girl did her share of the work.

7. While you were at school, I bought groceries and cooked dinner.



Combine the sentences in each pair, using the subordinating conjunction in parentheses. Add commas where necessary.

8. Photographing animals is difficult. They are unpredictable. (because)

9. Keisha used a telephoto lens. She wouldn't startle the heron. (so)

10. I prefer taking underwater pictures. The water makes photography more challenging. (because)

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Answer Key

1. when he was still a teenager
2. Although Adams was also an avid conservationist
3. as if they are from another world
4. Since Adams died
5. Though many have studied his technique
6. because every girl did her share of the work
7. While you were at school
8. Photographing animals is difficult because they are unpredictable.
9. Keisha used a telephoto lens so she wouldn't startle the heron.
10. I prefer taking underwater pictures because the water makes photography more challenging.

