

## Subordination

**A: Complete the sentences with the given adverbial clauses. "before, after, whenever, while, until and as soon as". More than one answer may be possible.**

1. I went up to my room to drop off my bags -----I checked in.
2. I saw a stranded dolphin -----I was walking down the beach.
3. We had better wait here under the tree -----the rain slows down a bit.
4. I promise, I will call you soon -----we get there.
5. We'd better start our hike back to camp -----it gets dark.
6. Don't forget to brush your teeth -----you go to sleep.
7. I will let you know -----I get any information about your promotion.
8. Don't bother to call me -----you have any problem.
9. You should pick up Daniel from work ----- you finish your dinner.
10. I prefer to drive -----I have a chance to travel.
11. You can't go anywhere -----you finish your assignments.
12. I didn't know about the accident ----- I talked to Sam.
13. I called the firefighters -----I saw the smoke coming from the forest.
14. I feel homesick -----I eat a homemade cake.
15. My hands begin to shake nervously -----I am angry.
16. Finish your homework -----dinner is ready.
17. I feel much better -----taking a shower.
18. Finish your homework -----going to bed.
19. The lights went out -----I was trying to fix the computer.
20. We are not leaving anywhere -----everything is sorted out.

**B: Complete each adverb clause below with the correct word(s):**

1. ----- he always did well on his English tests, his parents were not surprised that he got an A.  
When / Since
2. You should keep the milk in the refrigerator, ----- it doesn't go bad.  
Since / so that
3. ----- he thinks he's smart, he isn't.  
Although / After
4. You should say goodbye to your brother----- you leave for Europe.  
Before / since
5. ----- my father has high blood pressure, he has to watch what he eats.  
Before / Since
6. ----- I came to this country, I didn't speak a word of English!  
Before / Since
7. I'll let you know ----- I come back.  
Because / after
8. He doesn't understand----- he doesn't speak French very well.  
so that / because
9. He spoke slowly----- she would understand.  
Because / so that
10. ----- you stop crying, I'll buy you an ice cream.  
If / Since

**C: Each of these proverbial sayings contains an **adverb clause**. Identify the **adverb clause** in each sentence.**

1. While the cat's away, the mice will play.
2. A lie travels around the world while truth is putting her boots on.
3. If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.
4. Memory is deceptive because it is colored by today's events.
5. Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up.
6. You have to kiss a lot of toads before you find a handsome prince.
7. Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.
8. Life is what happens when you are making other plans.
9. As soon as you forbid something, you make it extraordinarily appealing.
10. Everything is funny, as long as it's happening to somebody else.
11. Don't count your chickens before they hatch.
12. If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself.
13. When the going gets tough, the tough get going.
14. When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
15. Don't cross the bridge till you come to it.

**D: Read each sentence below. Determine if each sentence has an **adverb clause** or **not**.**

1. I've been waiting for you since noon.
2. We ordered a pizza before we knew you were making dinner.
3. After all that work, Melissa didn't get the promotion.
4. Unless you improve your grades, you can't play in the football game.
5. Let's go out for lunch after the game.
6. Although my cat is ten years old, she still acts like a kitten.
7. We always go skiing once a year.
8. My cousin is learning French because he's going to Paris next year.
9. Perla was dressed like a witch for Halloween.
10. Since you're going to the store, could you pick up some milk?