

## Varied Fluency

### Step 7: Using Conjunctions to Express Time, Place and Cause

#### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G1.4) [Using conjunctions to express time and cause](#)

English Year 3: (3G1.4) [Express time, place and cause using conjunctions \[for example, when, before, after, while, so, because\]](#)

#### Differentiation:

**Developing:** Questions to support using time, place, and causal conjunctions in sentences with two short clauses.

**Expected:** Questions to support using time, place, and causal conjunctions in sentences with two expanded clauses.

**Greater Depth:** Questions to support using a wider range of time, place and causal conjunctions in sentences with two expanded clauses. Conjunctions used in different positions within a sentence.

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1a. Sort the conjunctions under the correct headings.

| Time | Place | Cause |
|------|-------|-------|
|      |       |       |

where      because      before  
so      wherever      after



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1b. Sort the conjunctions under the correct headings.

| Time | Place | Cause |
|------|-------|-------|
|      |       |       |

when      as      if  
where      while      wherever



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2a. Tick the sentence with a causal conjunction.

- A. I am going shopping because I am bored at home. ☐
- B. My Your coat is on the floor where you left it. ☐
- C. I get dressed before I go to school. ☐



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2b. Tick the sentence with a time conjunction.

- A. The children want to play outside if it is snowing. ☐
- B. My brother reads his book before he goes to bed. ☐
- C. The footballer takes her boots with her wherever she goes. ☐



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3a. Rewrite this sentence using a different conjunction from the word bank.

Mohammed is upset as his best friend is moving away.

where

yet

because



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3b. Rewrite this sentence using a different conjunction from the word bank.

Julia enjoys watching TV after she gets home from school.

before

when

while



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4a. Create two sentences by matching clauses with the correct conjunction.

I set the table

so

dad cooked.

My friend was upset

while

I hugged him.



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4b. Create two sentences by matching clauses with the correct conjunction.

I like carrots

if

I stay up late.

I will be tired

but

I do not like peas.



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5a. Sort the conjunctions under the correct headings.

| Time | Place | Cause |
|------|-------|-------|
|      |       |       |

because      where      while  
once      since      wherever



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5b. Sort the conjunctions under the correct headings.

| Time | Place | Cause |
|------|-------|-------|
|      |       |       |

where      before      wherever  
in case      yet      when



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6a. Tick the sentence with a time conjunction.

- A. It is dark earlier due to the clocks going back an hour. ☐
- B. My little brother takes his teddy with him wherever he goes. ☐
- C. Adam ate his healthy snack while reading his favourite book. ☐



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6b. Tick the sentence with a place conjunction.

- A. Dad hid the presents where the children wouldn't find them. ☐
- B. I always take my umbrella with me in case it rains. ☐
- C. My mum likes to iron while listening to music on the radio. ☐



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7a. Rewrite this sentence using a different conjunction from the word bank.

I played outside with my raincoat on today due to the pouring rain.

in case

yet

because of



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7b. Rewrite this sentence using a different conjunction from the word bank.

I love going to my bedroom to change into my comfy clothes when I get home from school.

after

before

while



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8a. Create two sentences by matching clauses with the correct conjunction.

I took some money

while

I tidy up my bedroom.

My best friend helps

in case

I wanted to buy sweets.



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8b. Create two sentences by matching clauses with the correct conjunction.

I had some ice cream

after

I continued to play football.

My feet were sore

yet

I finished my dinner.



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9a. Sort the conjunctions under the correct headings.

| Time | Place | Cause |
|------|-------|-------|
|      |       |       |

as soon as    where    meanwhile  
since    wherever    therefore



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9b. Sort the conjunctions under the correct headings.

| Time | Place | Cause |
|------|-------|-------|
|      |       |       |

until    unless    where  
wherever    once    consequently



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10a. Tick the sentence with a place conjunction.

- A. As it snowed heavily all night, no buses were running in the morning. ☐
- B. The dastardly pirate hid his loot where his enemies would not find it. ☐
- C. While I read my book, my sister played ball with our neighbour's dog. ☐



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10b. Tick the sentence with a causal conjunction.

- A. The eager runners will set off as soon as the starting whistle blows. ☐
- B. Wherever I go, my loyal dog obediently follows me. ☐
- C. Due to my age, I was unable to go to see the scary film with my brother. ☐



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11a. Rewrite this sentence using a different conjunction from the word bank.

As a result of the terrible weather forecast, tomorrow's football match has been cancelled.

due to

in case

before



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11b. Rewrite this sentence using a different conjunction from the word bank.

Since she has badly broken her foot, my mum has not been able to walk properly.

once

as

as soon as



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12a. Create two sentences by matching clauses with the correct conjunction.

The Vikings launched the attack

in case

their enemies retreated.

I need to take my mobile phone

until

I need to get a lift back home.



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12b. Create two sentences by matching clauses with the correct conjunction.

I drank the ice cold water

but

the birds took flight in fear.

The ferocious lion roared angrily

while

I still felt very thirsty.



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#### Developing

1a. Time – before, after; Place – where, wherever; Cause – because, so

2a. A

3a. Mohammed is upset because his best friend is moving away.

4a. I set the table while dad cooked; My friend was upset so I hugged him.

#### Expected

5a. Time – while, once; Place – where, wherever; Cause – because, since

6a. C

7a. I played outside with my raincoat on today because of the pouring rain.

8a. I took some money in case I wanted to buy sweets; My best friend helps while I tidy up my bedroom.

#### Greater Depth

9a. Time – as soon as, meanwhile; Place – where, wherever; Cause – since, therefore

10a. B

11a. Due to the terrible weather forecast, tomorrow's football match has been cancelled.

12a. The Vikings launched the attack until their enemies retreated; I need to take my mobile phone in case I need to get a lift back home.

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### Using Conjunctions to Express Time, Place and Cause

#### Developing

1b. Time – while, when; Place – where, wherever; Cause – as, if

2b. B

3b. Julia enjoys watching TV when she gets home from school.

4b. I like carrots but I do not like peas; I will be tired if I stay up late.

#### Expected

5b. Time – before, when; Place – where, wherever; Cause – in case, yet

6b. A

7b. I love going to my bedroom to change into my comfy clothes after I get home from school.

8b. I had some ice cream after I finished my dinner; My feet were sore yet I continued to play football.

#### Greater Depth

9b. Time – once, until; Place – where, wherever; Cause – consequently, unless

10b. C

11b. As she has badly broken her foot, my mum has not been able to walk properly.

12b. I drank the ice cold water but I still felt very thirsty; The ferocious lion roared while the birds took flight in fear.