Dependent Clauses with *Subordinating Conjunctions*:

One type of dependent clause is introduced by a word (or words) called a *subordinating conjunction*. The clause does have a subject and a verb, but it begins with a *subordinating conjunction*. When a clause starts with a subordinating conjunction, the clause becomes *dependent*—it cannot stand alone.

The most common *subordinating conjunctions* are listed below:

- after*
- although
- as*
- as if
- as long as
- as though
- because
- before*
- even though
- if
- once
- provided
- since*
- so that
- though
- till*
- unless
- until*
- when
- whenever
- where
- wherever
- while
- whether

*These words may also function as prepositions.

When one of these subordinating conjunctions is placed before an independent clause, the clause can no longer stand by itself. It becomes *dependent*.

*Robert rode* the bus to town. (independent clause)

*When Robert rode* the bus to town. (dependent clause – incomplete sentence)