**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)