**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)