Subordinating Conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions are used to join a dependent clause (incomplete thought) to an independent clause.

Common Subordinating Conjunctions

after	even if	that
before	even though	unless
once	if	until
although	if only	when
as	in order to	whenever
as if	now that	where
as long as	rather than	whereas
as though	since	wherever
because	so that	while
still	than	

Example: I will be able to drive when I get older.

>   *"I will be able to drive"* → independent clause (complete thought)

>   *"when I get older"* → dependent clause (incomplete thought)

The subordinating conjunction *"when"* is used to join the dependent clause to the independent clause.

Directions: please fill in the blanks using the appropriate conjunction. Use commas where necessary.

1. He behaves ___ _____ he rules the world.

2. We started moving _____ he took his foot off the brake.

3. I am going to go _____ __ my parents say I can't.

4. _____ _____ kill living animals for food, I am going to become a vegetarian.

5. I waited _____ my mom paid for the groceries.

6. I ran _____ I was scared.

7. We will go running _____ we tie our shoes.

8. We can eat lunch _____ you like.

9. _____ I get happy I smile.

10. I'm not leaving _____ you say you're sorry.

11. We cannot go skiing _____ we have skis.

12. I turned the key __ _____ __ start the car.

13. I want to go _____ money grows on trees.

14. We got to the scene of the crime right _____ the robbers ran away.

15. ___ we can't find work here, we'll have to move to a place ____ ____ we can.

16. _____ I am only 5'3" tall, I _____ love playing basketball.

17. _____ you finish eating your vegetables, you may eat cake.

18. _____ ____ complain about not being able to do the things I want, I will work to achieve my dreams.

19. _____ _____ it is cold out, I'm not going to wear my jacket.

20. We will start work _____ the sun rises.

Directions: Now practice creating your own sentences using the conjunctions list above.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____