

# SUBORDINATE CLAUSES



## Information Bank

A subordinate clause is a clause that begins with a subordinating conjunction such as...

because, until, unless,  
while, where, before, if,  
after, once

The subordinate clause  
does not make sense on  
its own.

## Identify the subordinate clauses

Tanya did poorly on her history exam because her best friend Giselle insisted on gossiping during their study session the night before.

Even though the broccoli was covered in cheddar cheese, Emily refused to eat it.

Diane decided to plant tomatoes in the back of the yard where the sun blazed the longest during the day.

Unless Christine finishes her calculus homework, she will have to suffer Mr. Nguyen's wrath in class tomorrow.

While Bailey slept on the sofa in front of the television, Samson, the family dog, gnawed on the leg of the coffee table.