

# ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1

## SUBORDINATION

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- Greenbaum and Quirk, 1990: pp. 283–303; 314–326
  - Blaganje and Konte, 1998: pp. 489–508; 529–562; 526–562
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# Subordination

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- One of the units is a constituent of a superordinate unit
  - The complex sentence contains one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses
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# Clauses

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- ❑ **Main** clause: generally independent clause [glavni, neodvisni stavek]
- ❑ **Subordinate** clause: hypotaxis [podrejeni stavek]
- ❑ **Superordinate** clause: a clause of which the subordinate clause is a constituent
- ❑ **Matrix** clause: superordinate clause without the subordinate clause

# Types of clauses

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- Nominal**
  - Adverbial**
  - Adjectival/attributive (relative)**
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# Nominal clauses:

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- Dependent **statements (that clauses)**: introduced by “that”
  - Dependent **wh-questions/ wh-interrogative clauses**
  - Dependent **verbal questions**
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# Dependent wh-questions

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□ **How the book will sell depends on the reviewers.**

□ Function: S

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# Dependent wh-questions

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□ *I can't imagine what they want with your address.*

□ Function: DO

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# Dependent wh-questions

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- *The problem is who will water my plants when I am away.*
  
  - Function: SC
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# Dependent wh-questions

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- Apposition: *in PostM position (follows the S) and gives more information.*

*Your original question, **why he didn't report it to the police earlier**, has not yet been answered.*

- PostM in AdjP:

*I am not sure **which she prefers**.*

- Complement to the Preposition:

*They didn't consult us on **whose names should be put forward**.*

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# Dependent verbal questions

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## □ ***Subordinators:***

□ *Whether*

□ *If*

□ **Whether she likes the present is not clear to me.**

□ Function: S

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# Dependent verbal questions

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*Do you know **if the banks are open?***

Function: DO

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# Dependent verbal questions

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- *The question is **whether he will show up.***
  
  - Function: SC
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# Dependent verbal questions

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- Apposition: *restatement of the headword*

*The question, **whether he will show up**, has not yet been answered.*

- PostM in AdjP:

*I am not sure **if I should go**.*

- Complement to the Preposition:

*They didn't consult us on **whether we would consider the proposition**.*

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# Adverbial clauses

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- Main function: adverbials
  - Use of comma:
    - insert only if the adverbial clause precedes the main clause, because in that case nothing is introducing the main clause.
    - If the adverbial clause follows the main clause there is no comma
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# Types of adverbial clauses

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- Of **time** - [časovni odvisnik]
  - Of **place** - [krajevni odvisnik]
  - Of **manner** / of similarity - [načinovni odvisnik]
  - Of **comparison** - [primerjalni odvisnik]
  - Of **cause/reason** - [vzročni odvisnik]
  - Of **result/consequence** - [posledični odvisnik]
  - Of **purpose** - [namenilni odvisnik]
  - Of **condition** - [pogojni odvisnik]
  - Of **concession** - [dopustni / protivni odvisnik]
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# Types of adverbial clauses

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- Buy your ticket **as soon as you reach the station.**

Adverbial clause of time.

- Also:
    - When
    - While
    - Before
    - After
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# Types of adverbial clauses

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- *They went **wherever they could find work.***

Adverbial clause of place.

- *Also:*
    - *Where*
    - *Wherever*
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# Types of adverbial clauses

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- Please do **exactly as I said**.

Adverbial clause of manner /of similarity

- She looks **as if she is getting better**.

Adverbial clause of comparison.

- Also: *As though*
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# Types of adverbial clauses

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- *You will help me **because you are my friend.***

Adverbial clause of cause/reason.

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# Types of adverbial clauses

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- *I took no notice of him **so he flew into a rage.***

Adverbial clause of result/ of consequence.

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# Types of adverbial clauses

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- *The school closes earlier **so that** **children can get home before dark.***

Adverbial clause of purpose.

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# Types of adverbial clauses

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- **If you put the baby down, she will scream.**

Adverbial clause of condition.

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# Types of adverbial clauses

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- *No goals were scored **though it was an exciting game.***

Adverbial clause of concession (shows the contrast).

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