

Hello everyone. This week's focus is on **adverbial clauses**.

Adverbial clauses improve the quality of writing by adding more detail and making one's work as useful and informative as possible.

Adverbial clauses must:

- ✓ Have a subject and a verb.
- ✓ Begin with a subordinating conjunction.

Examples of Subordinating Conjunctions:

- ✓ *After, if, because, and, although, until, unless, even*

Adverbial clauses are flexible and can be placed at the **beginning**, **middle** or **end** of the sentence.

At the **beginning** of the sentence an adverbial clause is followed by a comma.

e.g. ***Unless you run fast***, you will miss the bus.

When placed in the **middle** of the sentence an adverb clause is offset by commas.

e.g. Elephants, ***although they are large***, are not predators.

No additional punctuation is needed when an adverbial clause is at the **end** of the sentence.

e.g. You need to keep calm ***even if everyone else panics***.

Learners must be able to use and identify adverbial clauses especially when they are Reading and Viewing.

All the best

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