

## Sentence Combining: Using Subordinating Conjunctions

Combine these independent and dependent clauses using subordinating conjunctions (**after all, although, because, before, even though, however, therefore, until, which**). Some sentences may require a semicolon.

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2. Some say that dogs are friendlier than cats. Cats can also be extremely loving.

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4. Dr. Johnson ate a big meal. He went to work afterward.

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7. We don't believe the way you do. Our culture is very different from yours.

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9. The two brothers weren't always this close. When their mother died, they became closer.

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### ANSWER KEY

- 1. They made plans to go. They ended up not being able to make it.**  
They made plans to go; **however**, they ended up not being able to make it.
- 2. Some say that dogs are friendlier than cats. Cats can also be extremely loving.**  
Some say that dogs are friendlier than cats, **even though** cats can also be extremely loving.
- 3. I can't rest. I need to finish my time machine.**  
I can't rest **until** I finish my time machine.
- 4. Dr. Johnson ate a big meal. He went to work afterward.**  
Dr. Johnson ate a big meal **before** he went to work.
- 5. I refused to talk about it. I was put in jail.**  
I refused to talk about it, **therefore** I was put in jail.
- 6. Don't give me a hard time. We've been close friends for so long.**  
Don't give me a hard time; **after all**, we've been close friends for so long.
- 7. We don't believe the way you do. Our culture is very different from yours.**  
We don't believe the way you do, **although** our culture is very similar to yours.
- 8. Hannah is attending Brown University. It was her first choice.**  
Hannah is attending Brown University, **which** was her first choice.
- 9. The two brothers weren't always this close. When their mother died, they became closer.**  
The two brothers weren't always this close; **however**, when their mother died, they became closer.
- 10. I simply cannot get out of bed. I am too tired.**  
I simply cannot get out of bed **because** I am too tired.

