

Y2 When If That Because

KS1 Y2 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Join with 'because': 'I wore my coat.' + 'It was cold.'

Step 1 · Is the second part the reason for the first?

Yes: it was cold, so I wore my coat

Step 2 · Take away the first full stop and the capital

I wore my coat ... it was cold.

Step 3 · Put because in the middle

I wore my coat because it was cold.

Answer: I wore my coat because it was cold.

Check: because answers the question 'why?'

2. Now try one with the steps

Finish the sentence: 'I feel happy when...'

Step 1 · when tells us the time something happens

Step 2 · Add it after when

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Which joining word gives a reason: when, because or if?

2. Which joining word tells you the time: when, that or because?

3. Join with because: 'Zak was tired.' + 'He went to bed late.'

4. Fill the gap: 'I clean my teeth ____ I go to bed.' (when / that)

5. Fill the gap: 'Dad said ____ we could go swimming.' (if / that)

6. Fill the gap: 'We can play out ____ it stops raining.' (if / that)

7. Fill the gap: 'The baby laughed ____ the dog licked her.' (because / that)

8. Finish the sentence: 'I like winter because...'

9. Finish the sentence: 'I will be very excited if...'

10. Finish the sentence: 'I think that...'

11. Join with when: 'The bell rang.' + 'We lined up.'

12. Move 'if' to the start: 'You will win if you practise.'

13. Is 'because it was hot' a full sentence on its own? (yes or no)

14. Write a sentence about the weather using when, if or because.

4. Before you hand it in

Writing 'Because I was hungry.' sentence on its own.

Join it: I had a snack because I was hungry.

Using because for things that are not reasons: 'I went to school because I saw a bird.'

Ask 'why?' If the answer is not a reason, choose another joining word.

Forgetting the comma when the joining word starts the sentence: 'If it rains we will stay in.'

If it rains, we will stay in.

Keeping the full stop and capital letter: 'I smiled. Because it was funny.'

I smiled because it was funny.