

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPLEX SENTENCE INVOLVING ADVERB CLAUSES

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ADVERB CLAUSES OF TIME

In the following sentences, the clauses in bold type are subordinate clauses of **TIME**:

1. We will reach the stadium **before the match starts**.
2. The students started fighting **after the teacher left the class**.
3. **When the train started**, some robbers started robbing the passengers on gunpoint.
4. The aeroplane will have landed **until the sun rises**.
5. **When we alighted the bus**, it was raining in Islamabad.

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ADVERB CLAUSES OF PLACE

In the following sentences, the clauses in bold type are subordinate clauses of **PLACE**:

1. She stopped her car **where two men were beating a boy**.
2. The police fired teargas **wherever they saw the protesters**.
3. I do not want to live **where people enslave women**.
4. The protesters raised slogans **wherever they stopped**.
5. Does anybody know **where my cat is**?

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ADVERB CLAUSES OF CONDITION

In the following sentences, the clauses in bold type are subordinate clauses of **CONDITION**:

1. You shall not take the classes **unless you clear the outstanding dues**.
2. **If it rains heavily**, the match will be cancelled.
3. I will lend you my bike **provided that you use your own petrol**.
4. I will cooperate with you **if and only if you stop doing business with my enemies**.
5. I will marry you **on condition that you settle in America**.

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ADVERB CLAUSES OF CONCESSION

In the following sentences, the clauses in bold type are subordinate clauses of **CONCESSION** or **SUPPOSITION**:

1. The police will arrest you **even if you have done nothing**.

2. **Although you have lost your ticket**, I allow you to take the ride.
3. The teacher gave her the passing marks, **though her paper was not so good**.
4. You have married Jane **in spite of the fact that she is our enemy's daughter**.
5. I will go out **even if it rains cats and dogs**.

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ADVERB CLAUSES OF CONSEQUENCE/RESULT

In the following sentences, the clauses in bold type are subordinate clauses of **CONSEQUENCE** or **RESULT**:

1. It was so cold there **that I started shivering**.
2. He is such a popular teacher **that every student admires him**.
3. The quality of the cloth was so cheap **that nobody bought it**.
4. They fought so fearlessly **that they defeated an enemy twice their size**.
5. He is such an honest person **that everybody trusts him**.

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ADVERB CLAUSES OF CAUSE/REASON

In the following sentences, the clauses in bold type are subordinate clauses of **CAUSE** or **REASON**:

1. I have fired him **because he is lazy**.
2. **Because our people are illiterate**, they do not know the importance of their vote.
3. **Since you have apologised**, I forgive you.
4. **As he has been granted bail-before-arrest**, the police cannot arrest him.
5. She is very sad **that her husband does not trust her**.

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ADVERB CLAUSES OF PURPOSE

In the following sentences, the clauses in bold type are subordinate clauses of **PURPOSE**:

1. I give you my cell phone number **so that you may call me in an emergency**.
2. She has resigned from her post **in order that she may contest the election**.
3. **I have sold my house so that I may get money to start a business**.
4. I have bought these books **in order that I may prepare for the exam**.
5. The king drew his sword **that he might kill the traitor**.