Subordinate clauses

A clause is a *clause* and not a *sentence* when...

it joins with another *clause* or *phrase* to make one sentence.
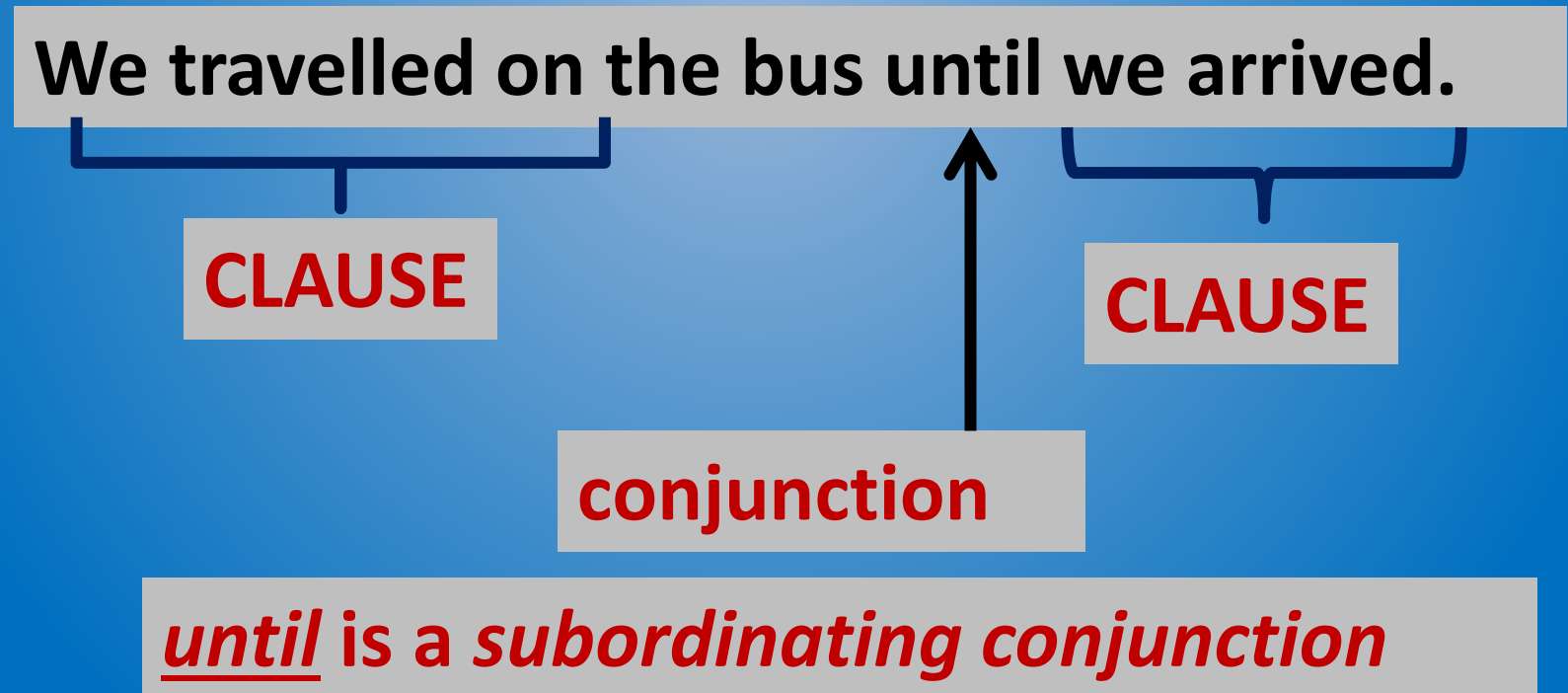
For example here are two *sentences.*...

We travelled on the bus.   We arrived.

Subordinate clauses

If I join these two sentences with a connective they become one longer sentence, with two clauses.

We travelled on the bus until we arrived.

CLAUSE

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conjunction

until is a *subordinating conjunction*

Subordinate clauses

A **main clause** gives the main point of a sentence.

A **subordinate clause** provides extra information.

We travelled on the bus until we arrived.

MAIN CLAUSE – the main point of my sentence.

SUBORDINATE CLAUSE – extra information linked to the main clause.

The *conjunction* shows the relationship between the two clauses.

Subordinate clauses

Remember, the subordinate information can come at the start of a sentence. If a sentence starts with a subordinating conjunction (connective), it is starting with the subordinate clause.

subordinating conjunction

a comma is often used between clauses

As soon as we got there, we met a prehistoric man.

SUBORDINATE CLAUSE – extra information linked to the main clause.

MAIN CLAUSE – the main point.

Subordinate clauses

A subordinate clause can also be <u>embedded</u> within a main clause. The extra information is added in the middle of the main clause. Note the *two comma trick*.

MAIN CLAUSE begins

MAIN CLAUSE ends

At lunchtime, which was at 12:30, we ate on the grass.

SUBORDINATE CLAUSE – extra information linked to the main clause.

2 commas used to separate the embedded *subordinate clause*.

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✅ After	✅ Even	✅ Lest	✅ So that	✅ Where
✅ Although	✅ Even if	✅ Now	✅ Supposing	✅ Whereas
✅ As	✅ Even though	✅ Now since	✅ Than	✅ Where if
✅ As if	✅ If	✅ Now that	✅ That	✅ Wherever
✅ As long as	✅ If only	✅ Now when	✅ Though	✅ Whether
✅ As much as	✅ If when	✅ Once	✅ Till	✅ Which
✅ As soon as	✅ If then	✅ Provided	✅ Unless	✅ While

What sentences can we write about Murton Park using these conjunctions?