

WritingFix's Subordinating Conjunction Rules

Your Learning Goal: There are three complex sentence patterns to learn with subordinating conjunctions (sc). Two patterns require you to make use of commas; one requires no comma at all. Can you learn when to use each pattern in your own writing?

Sentence pattern #1:

Subject + predicate sc **subject + predicate** .

- The yo-yo performers peddled their plastic wares as soon as the assembly ended at 2:45.
- Mrs. Wainwright gave her students a multiple-choice quiz on yo-yos even though the assembly was not very educational.
- The principal would not agreed to cancel future yo-yo assemblies unless the teachers promised to support an assembly where musclemen would break baseball bats across their knees.

Sentence pattern #2:

Sc **subject + predicate** , **subject + predicate** .

- After the assembly ended at 2:45, the yo-yo performers peddled their plastic wares.
- Although the assembly was not very educational, Mrs. Wainwright gave her students a multiple-choice quiz on yo-yos.
- Unless the teachers promised to support an assembly where musclemen would break baseball bats across their knees and blow up hot water bottles with their lungs, the principal would not cancel future yo-yo assemblies.

Sentence pattern #3:

Subject- , sc **subject + predicate** , **-predicate** .

- The yo-yo performers, once the assembly ended at 2:45, peddled their plastic wares.
- Mrs. Wainwright, despite the fact that the assembly wasn't very educational, gave her students a quiz on yo-yos.
- The principal, provided that the teachers promised to support an assembly where musclemen would break baseball bats across their knees and blow up hot water bottles with their lungs, agreed to cancel future yo-yo assemblies

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