

# Conjunctions for Time and Cause

## *Roman Myths*

*The people gathered round the tree*

because

*they wanted to say thank you*

*Eric did not feel thankful*

as

*he did not like food made from flour*

*Eric hid behind the oak tree*

until

*everyone had gone*



# Clauses

**Clauses** are groups of words with an **active verb**; they make sense.

Eric **loved** money.

He **wanted** to chop down the tree.

He **took** an axe.

Then he **held** it above his head.

A noun or  
pronoun  
does the  
**verb**.

These are all **clauses** because  
they have an **active verb** and  
they make sense.

# Conjunctions

Conjunctions join **clauses**.

Conjunctions can express...

## time

when  
while  
since  
as  
before  
after  
until

## cause

because  
as  
so

*Eric cut down the oak tree.*

*Eric cut down the oak tree after the party ended.*

*Eric cut down the oak tree as he wanted to sell the wood.*

When did he cut  
down my tree?



Remember:  
a **clause** must have  
an **active verb**.

Why did he cut  
down my tree?

# Swapping the order

We can add our second clause to the end or the beginning of the **main clause**.

*the people gathered round the tree*

because

*they wanted to say thank you*

because

*they wanted to say thank you*

*the people gathered round the tree*

The **conjunction** always goes at the beginning of the extra information.



# Swapping the order

Try swapping the order of these clauses, starting with the extra clause.

*Eric hid behind the oak tree*

until

*everyone had gone*

until

*everyone had gone*

*Eric hid behind the oak tree*

*Eric did not feel thankful*

as

*he did not like food made from flour*

as

*he did not like food made from flour*

*Eric did not feel thankful*

**ANSWERS**



# Punctuating extended sentences

When we add an **extra clause** to the end of a **main clause**, there is no extra punctuation needed.

*Eric did not feel thankful **as he did not like food made from flour**.*

***As he did not like food made from flour**, Eric did not feel thankful.*

When we add an **extra clause** to the *beginning* we separate it with a comma.

Try saying both sentences. Can you hear the pause needed when the extra clause comes first?



# Answering questions using extended sentences

We can use extended sentences when we are giving answers to questions.

Why did the people give thanks to Ceres?

*The people gave thanks to Ceres **because** she was the goddess of the harvest.*

***Because** she was goddess of the harvest, the people gave thanks to Ceres.*

When did the people celebrate the harvest?

*The people celebrated harvest **when** it was autumn.*

***When** it was autumn, the people celebrated harvest.*

Try answering this one using two extended sentences.

