

TRY IT OUT

- 1 Look at the table below. Choose one sentence from the left-hand column and one from the right-hand column.
- 2 Then try to connect them using a conjunction from the middle column.
- 3 Do the same with other pairs. Try all sorts of combinations. Try putting the conjunction at the beginning sometimes. For example:

Because it rang, she looked at her phone.

we laughed	because	he cried
the girl stood up	although	her back was aching
he was unhappy	when	it rang
she looked at her phone	unless	the teacher frowned
they jumped	whereas	the roof leaked

Other ways to start sentences

Sometimes subordinate clauses are introduced, not by a conjunction but by a **non-finite verb**. A non-finite verb is one that does not have a subject: for example, *running*, not *I run*. *I* is the subject of *run*. (For more on subjects, see the section on *active* and *passive* on pages 52 and 53.)

Below are some examples of complex sentences with subordinate clauses that start with non-finite verbs. The subordinate clause is underlined and the non-finite verb is in **bold**.

To thicken the sauce, you will need to use some flour.

Laughing hysterically, Keisha bounced on the trampoline.

Ashamed of what he had done, Declan apologised.