

We have studied adverbs. Remember, they tell “how, when or where” about the verb.  
 Example: She ran quickly to the phone. She showers daily. We looked everywhere.

Adverb clauses tell “how, when, where, why or under what condition” about the verb. Read the sentence and note the underlined adverb clause.

1. When the phone rang, the baby woke up.
2. After the rain started, we went inside.
3. My assistant opens the mail before I arrive.
4. He bought supplies because he wanted to clean his house.
5. As the sun set, the boat began to sink.
- The carpet was ruined where the water came in.
6. We will eat outside unless it rains.
7. The tree fell as the man jumped away.
8. We haven't seen her since we moved.

**Underline the adverb clause in these sentences.**

1. Even if Mother comes, we will need a babysitter sometimes.
2. We will have a big party when Jim gets back.
3. I'll call before I come.
4. After I do my homework, I will go to bed.
5. During the game, my wife arrived.
6. She got a job after she graduated.
7. While I was working, my wife cooked dinner.
8. We will work until we finish.
9. Whenever grandma comes, I bake a cake.
10. If you save your money, you will be able to buy a new car.
11. We waited in the car until the rain stopped.
12. They did their homework whenever we told them to.

**WORDS THAT BEGIN ADVERB CLAUSES (This list is thorough but not complete.)**

- Time:** after, as soon as, as long as, before, once, still, until, when, whenever, while  
**Place:** where, wherever  
**Condition:** even if, if, in case, provided that, unless  
**Cause:** as, because, since

**Add an adverb clause to these sentences. You can add it at the beginning or end of the sentence. Use a different word to begin each adverb clause.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ we jumped in the water \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ they went to bed \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ I stood up \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ the children ran inside \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ we missed our plane \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ they left school \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ they will fly home \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ she felt tired \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell whether the underlined phrase is a prepositional phrase or an adverb clause.**

1. We waited for the bus.
2. Since the rain has stopped, we can walk to school.
3. The boys crawled under the fence.
4. The boys waited until the teacher left.
5. She sits in the back.
6. She sits where the teacher can see her.
7. They visited the hospital while Mother shopped.
8. They entered the hospital by the back door.
9. The party was cancelled because it rained.
10. He threw his jacket onto the chair.

**Look at page 183 in your OPD**

Which items are associated with these verbs:

- shred \_\_\_\_\_
- staple \_\_\_\_\_
- print \_\_\_\_\_
- scan \_\_\_\_\_
- calculate \_\_\_\_\_
- sharpen \_\_\_\_\_
- glue \_\_\_\_\_
- file \_\_\_\_\_
- organize \_\_\_\_\_
- stamp \_\_\_\_\_
- mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Discuss in your groups:**

1. What do you use sticky notes for?
2. Do you shred old paperwork before throwing it away?
3. Do you have an office in your home?
4. Where do you work?
5. Where do you keep your bills and receipts?
6. Do you have a copy machine, printer or scanner?
7. Do you have a fax machine?
8. What supplies do you have in your desk?