

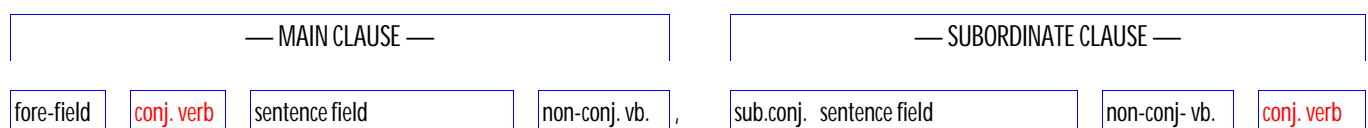
Subordinating Conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions are words that join two sentences together. For German, we can also call them 'Verb Kickers'. They kick the verb to the end of the sentence.

Beginning students of German should memorize the following six conjunctions:

obwohl	although
wenn	if, when, on the condition that
dass	that
weil	because
bevor	before
ob	whether, if (... or not)

The word order for joining two clauses (main clause plus subordinate clause) is as follows: Watch for the placement of the conjugated verbs.



Examples:

Ich glaube , dass Johann krank ist .	I believe that Johann is sick.
Ich glaube , dass Johann etwas krank ist .	I believe that Johann is somewhat sick.
Ich glaube , dass Johann heute etwas krank ist .	I believe that Johann is somewhat sick today.
Ich glaube , dass Johann heute leider etwas krank ist .	I believe that Johann is unfortunately somewhat sick today.

If there are multiple verbs in the subordinate clause, all the verbs in that clause are placed at the end of the sentence with the conjugated verb coming at the very end.

This example is a main clause:

Das Wetter **soll** morgen schön sein. (*The weather is supposed to be nice tomorrow.*)

Follow the placement of the conjugated verb as we render the above example into a subordinate clause.

MAIN	SUBORDINATE	
Ich glaube , dass das Wetter morgen schön sein soll .		(<i>I believe that the weather is supposed to be nice tomorrow.</i>)
<i>I believe that the weather tomorrow nice be is supposed to.</i>		

More Examples:

Angela sagt , dass sie uns morgen besuchen wird .	(<i>Angela says that she will visit us tomorrow.</i>)
<i>Angela says that she us tomorrow visit will.</i>	

Ich gehe jetzt zur Uni, weil ich ein Buch zur Bibliothek zurückbringen muss .	
<i>I 'm going now to campus because I a book to the library bring back have to.</i>	