

Using subordination to combine sentences of unequal importance

1. Consider putting the less important idea in a subordinate clause beginning with one of the following words.

after	before	that	which
although	even though	unless	while
as	if	until	who
as if	since	when	whom
because	so that	where	whose

When my

- ▶ ~~My~~ son asked his great-grandmother if she had been a slave[^], ^{she} ~~She~~ became very angry.

- ▶ My sister owes much of her recovery to a bodybuilding program[^], ^{that she} ~~She~~ began ~~the program~~ three years ago.

2. Consider putting the less important idea in an appositive phrase.

- ▶ Karate[^], ~~is~~ a discipline based on the philosophy of non-violence[^], ~~It~~ teaches the art of self-defense.

3. Consider putting the less important idea in a participial phrase.

Noticing

- ▶ ~~I noticed~~ that smoke had filled the backyard[^], ^I ran out to see where it was coming from.

- ▶ ~~Alvin was~~ ^E encouraged by his professor to apply for the job[^], ^{Alvin} ~~He~~ filed an application on Monday morning.