

Conjunctions

A Complete the sentences using conjunctions from the box.

after although before except since unless whenever whether while

- 1 She saw him again five years _____ they had left university, and he looked a lot older.
- 2 My grandmother lives close by and I can visit her _____ I like.
- 3 _____ it was a cold windy day, they still went to the beach.
- 4 They look almost exactly the same, _____ that one girl has brown hair and one has blonde hair.
- 5 There won't be enough room in the car, _____ someone gets a lift with Maria.
- 6 His parents prepared the surprise _____ he was at school.
- 7 They couldn't decide _____ to tell him the news or not.
- 8 We made sure we had booked hotels _____ we set off on the trip.
- 9 Have you heard from Ben _____ he went away to university?

B Choose the correct conjunctions to complete the sentences.

- 1 We will begin the meeting *unless / once / while* everyone has arrived.
- 2 She continued to walk through the park at night *whenever / since / although* I warned her it was dangerous.
- 3 I didn't know anything about her *except / unless / although* that she lived in the same street as my grandmother.
- 4 Has anyone asked her *whether / whenever / while* she is planning to tell her parents the truth?
- 5 We will all feel happier *although / after / since* they have returned safely.
- 6 *Although / Unless / Whenever* we see them, they are running in the park or playing football.
- 7 I won't tell her that we are going away this weekend *unless / whether / since* she asks me directly.
- 8 I saw her run onto the platform just *whenever / since / before* the train arrived.
- 9 How long is it *since / before / after* they began their English course?

C Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use some of the conjunctions from exercises A and B.

- 1 For many years, I didn't realize how much she had done for me.
It was many years _____ I realized how much she had done for me.
- 2 I haven't been to Paris for 20 years.
It is 20 years _____ I've been to Paris.
- 3 She is having trouble carrying all those bags – let's see if she needs any help.
She is having trouble carrying all those bags – let's see _____ she needs any help.
- 4 They go running every day of the year, except on days when it is snowing.
They go running every day of the year, _____ it is snowing.
- 5 During my time at university, he emailed me every day.
He emailed me every day _____ I was at university.
- 6 The only difference between our courses is that she spends an extra year abroad doing work experience.
Our courses are exactly the same _____ that she spends an extra year abroad doing work experience.
- 7 In spite of being very young, he has already travelled all around the world.
He has already travelled all around the world, _____ he is still very young.