

Extension exercises

Chapter 25: Finite adverbial clauses

Exploring English

Skim through some pages of any book or magazine to identify adverbial clauses and the use of conjunctions.

- 1 What is the proportion of subordinating conjunctions to coordinating conjunctions?
- 2 What proportion of the subordinate clauses precede (or follow) the main clause?
- 3 Can you identify any sources of difficulty for a learner in reading and understanding the text?

Course materials

Choose one or two coursebooks and look at those parts which teach conjunctions and the use of adverbial clauses.

- 1 Are the learners given the opportunity to notice and analyse how these are used in real text?
- 2 Does the material clearly distinguish between conjunctions which can only be used after the main clause, and those which can be used to introduce subordinate clauses before the main clause?
- 3 Does the material help learners to decide what order to use for the main and subordinate clauses where this is a matter of choice?
- 4 What kinds of opportunity for practice are provided?