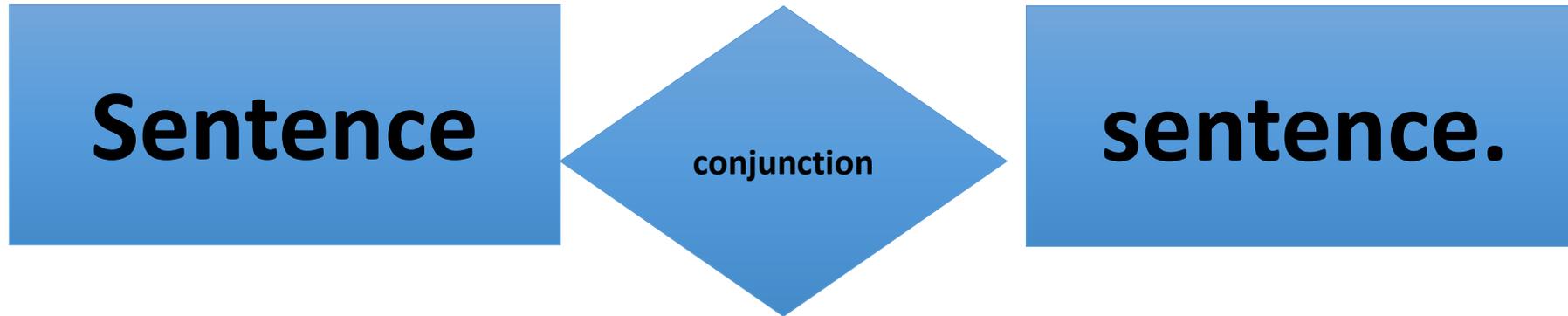


# Adding conjunctions to sentences to build complex sentences

# Compound and complex sentences



**Conjunctions** are words that join ideas (think about the word 'junction').

and but or so

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# Conjunctions

Some common conjunctions which build complex sentences (subordinating conjunctions)

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when because while as though until after





The owl peered  
through the branches.

# I do



The owl peered through the branches while he searched for prey.

I can add a conjunction and tell you more about what the owl was doing.

and but or so

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Think, pair, share:  
Can you find 'sentence' 'conjunction'  
'sentence'?



# We do



The owl sat  
motionless on the  
branch

Can you and your partner add a  
conjunction and tell us more about the  
owl?

where

although

when

because

while

after

before

since

as

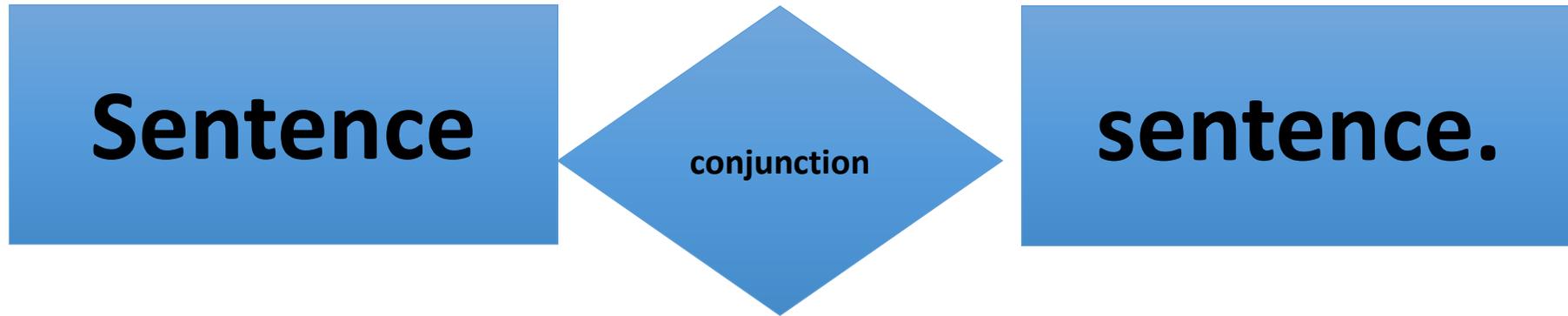
so  
that

As  
though

until

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# Self-check





# We do



The baby owls  
waited patiently in  
the nest

Can you and your partner add a conjunction  
and tell us more about the owl?

where

although

when

because

while

after

before

since

as

so  
that

as  
though

until

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## Self-check:

- Check your sentence makes sense
- Check your punctuation **A.**

## Partner-check:

- Read your sentence to another pair
- Find the conjunction
- Tell your partner what new information you learned from the new sentence (clause)

The owl sat patiently  
on the branch, as the  
crunch of the cricket  
echoed through the woods.

# Next steps

