**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to use a range of subordinating conjunctions to write multi-clause (complex) sentences about emperor penguins.

**Challenge 1  
Using link lines, match each subordinate clause to the correct main clause.**

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| When the mothers returned from hunting, |  | emperor penguins could be pushed to the brink of extinction by 2100. |
| Although their diet mainly consists of fish, |  | the average lifespan is around 20 years. |
| Whilst some emperors may reach 50 years of age, |  | they needed to check that their equipment was still working. |
| Before the crew could start filming, |  | it risks being kidnapped by another penguin. |
| Due to global warming, |  | they fed their chicks with a belly full of food. |
| If a chick strays too far from its mother, |  | emperor penguins will also eat krill and squid. |



**Subordinate Conjunctions**

precariously balanced

endure

ordeal

selfless

resilient

warmth

blizzard

incubate

precious

colony

bone-chilling

treasure

Antarctic

emperor penguin

**Word Wall**

before

after

as

as soon as

unless

although

since

as if

provided that

while

because

as long as

when

until

**Challenge 2  
Copy and complete each sentence by writing a main clause.**

1. Despite being at the centre of the huddle, …
2. As the egg rolled across the ice, …
3. Due to their tightly-packed feathers and thick layers of fat, …
4. Although the penguin colony was sheltered by an iceberg, …
5. After sliding across the ice on her belly, …

**Challenge 3**Emperor penguin numbers are falling dramatically. This is because global warming is causing the sea ice in Antarctica to melt. As we learnt from the clip, emperor penguins need the ice to breed and raise their young.

**Write a paragraph that fully explains your feelings about this sad fact. See if you can include at least four of the subordinating conjunctions from the list below and some of the descriptive words from the Word Wall.**