

### Identifying and using conjunctions.

Remember: conjunctions are words that are used to join ideas in sentences, *e.g. and, but, because, when, until, if...* There are lots of different conjunctions!

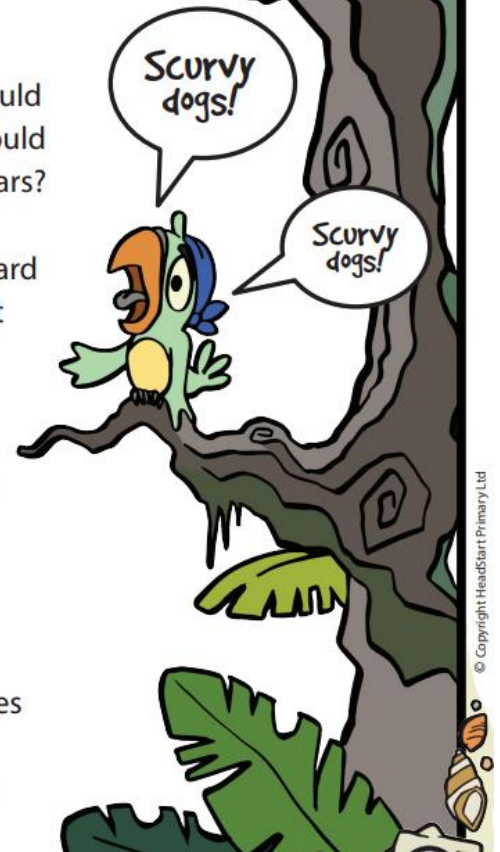
Read Chapter 8, which is copied below. Can you find some examples of conjunctions used in this chapter?

## Rescued!

Mister P flew across the pirates' heads and landed in a tree on the other side of the village. They were pleased to see Mister P, but would have been happier to have seen Captain Starling. After all, what could one parrot do against a village of angry tribesmen with pointy spears? The flames were starting to flicker up the log pile. Unless Captain Starling appeared soon with a clever plan Barnaby and Stragglebeard were going to end up as pirate barbecue, which was not a pleasant thought! Then, from out of the bushes they heard a loud shriek. "Scurvy dogs! Scurvy dogs!" squawked Mister P imitating what he had heard Captain Starling shouting when she was cross.

"This is no time to be calling us rude names!" complained Barnaby as the flames really began to take hold and his shoes began to frizzle.

"Scurvy dogs!" squawked Mister P again. The two men guarding the pirates turned round and began to walk towards the bushes to see who was making all the noise. More tribesmen joined, until the whole village was listening to Mister P squawking insults.



## Activity:

Complete the sheet below, writing the sentences out into your book. *Remember to try reading the sentence aloud before deciding which conjunction fits best.*

**Green  
Pirates**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**I can use a range of conjunctions.**



**Choose a conjunction from the brackets to complete each sentence.**

- 1 They didn't understand what Mister P was saying ..... they understood that he was being rude. (*and/but/when*)
- 2 The tribesmen ran towards the bushes .....they wanted to see who was making all the noise. (*but/because/until*)

**Meanwhile, Captain Starling was hiding in the bushes on the other side of the village.**

- 3 She knew she would have to act quickly ..... she was going to save her friends. (*if/unless/but*)
- 4 She waited behind a bush ..... the tribesmen were out of sight. (*because/when until*)
- 5 She ran over to the pirates ..... she saw her chance. (*if/when/and*)
- 6 She quickly untied them ..... the fire was now beginning to singe their pants. (*when/although/but*)



**Just in time because the tribesmen saw them and began to give chase!**

**Write your own sentences with conjunctions to explain how they escaped.**

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**SPOILER ALERT!**

**ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE (FOR AN ADULT TO USE TO MARK YOUR WORK)**

## **Rescued!** – *Conjunctions*

### **Answers to pages 69 – 72**

They didn't understand what Mister P was saying **but** they understood that he was being rude.

The tribesmen ran towards the bushes **because** they wanted to see who was making all the noise.

She knew she would have to act quickly **if** she was going to save her friends.

She waited behind a bush **until** the tribesmen were out of sight.

She ran over to the pirates **when** she saw her chance.

She quickly untied them **although** the fire was now beginning to singe their pants.