**Subordinating Conjunctions: Next Steps Lessons**

After the initial lesson, review the subordinating conjunction/sentence opener/ comma causer lesson

Ask students to imitate other sentences:

Create your own sentences and ask students to write sentences that follow the pattern of a sentence opener.

Begin with the subordinating conjunctions that function as time indicators:

after, before, during, since, until, when/whenever, while

Examples:

While I eat, I like to talk to my friends.

While mom cooks, I do my homework

While I am outside, I run the track.

Before we go home, I have to clean my desk.

Before we go to lunch, we get ready for recess.

Before she runs the track, she stretches on the sidewalk.

After I eat lunch,

Since I fell,

Since we learned to write,

Until I see you,

When I find my shoes,

Whenever you are ready,

Challenge students to use openers in their writing during writing workshop. For instance, ask them to change a sentence to include a subordinating conjunction that indicates time.