

Some conjunctions

While

While is usually a subordinating conjunction of time. It can also be used to show contrast.

Strike while the iron is hot. (Subordinating conjunction of time)

Thieves broke into the house while they were sleeping. (Subordinating conjunction of time)

While she is a doctor I am a sweeper. (Subordinating conjunction showing contrast)

While he leads a luxurious life, his old parents are struggling to make both ends meet.

However

However can be used in two ways. When it is a coordinating conjunction it can stand alone and is generally placed somewhere in the middle of the sentence.

He is very intelligent. However, he lacks experience.

The whole class was present. He, however, remained absent.

When however is used as a subordinating conjunction, it takes some adjective or adverb after it.

However poor he may be, he is not going to beg.

Unless, until and lest

Unless means if not. It shows condition.

I cannot open the door unless you give me the key. (= If you do not give me the keys, I cannot open the door.)

Until and till can be used both as prepositions and conjunctions. They mean exactly the same.

Will you please wait here until/till I return?

I will wait until/till I hear from you.

Lest also shows condition.

Take exercise regularly lest you should fall ill. (= Take exercise regularly so that you will not fall ill.)

As long as

As long as can refer to a period of time.

We will have to stay indoors as long as the rain continues.

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As long as can also be used to state conditions.

You can take my camera as long as you use it carefully.