Subordinating Conjunctions Bingo

**Activity Type**
Reading, writing, listening and matching activity

**Language Focus**
Subordinating conjunctions

**Aim**
To play games of bingo by completing sentences on a bingo card with subordinating conjunctions.

**Introduction**
In this rewarding teaching activity, students play games of bingo by completing sentences on a bingo card with subordinating conjunctions.

**Procedure**
Give each student a bingo card. Explain that each bingo card consists of five sentences with each sentence missing a different subordinating conjunction.

Tell the students that you are going to call out subordinating conjunctions and that if a student thinks the conjunction goes in one of their sentences, they write it in the corresponding gap in the sentence. When a student has completed all five sentences with a different conjunction, they shout 'Bingo'.

Begin by asking the students to read the five sentences on their card and think about what the missing conjunctions could be.

Then, start calling out subordinating conjunctions from the caller's sheet in a random order. Use a pencil to tick the words you have read out.

When a student shouts 'Bingo', get them to read out all five sentences. Check that the sentences are appropriate and use the conjunctions you have ticked.

The caller's sheet contains possible answers. However, some sentences may have more than one correct answer.

If the sentences are correct, the student wins the round. If the student has made a mistake, the game continues.

Play several rounds, making sure students receive a different bingo card each time.

As an alternative or extension, divide the students into groups of five. Give each group a set of 16 bingo cards and a copy of the caller's sheet. One student takes the caller's sheet and the other students take a bingo card each.

The students then play the game in their groups with students taking it in turns to be the bingo caller. The bingo caller reads out subordinating conjunctions from the caller's sheet in a random order, ticking the words in pencil as they go.

When a student shouts out 'Bingo', the caller gets the student to read out all five sentences. If the sentences are correct, the students play a new round with another student taking on the role of the bingo caller. This continues until all the bingo cards have been used.
### Bingo Card A
1. _________ whales are protected, they will become extinct.
2. Call me _________ you arrive at work.
3. You'd better not swim _________ you've just eaten.
4. I became very concerned _________ I couldn't find my passport.
5. She cried _________ she read the letter.

### Bingo Card B
1. He has to work hard _________ support his family.
2. _________ it rained, everyone had a good time.
3. I plan to buy a new car _________ I can afford one.
4. _________ I was very tired, I finished writing my essay.
5. It was uncertain _________ he would marry her.

### Bingo Card C
1. I had to walk there _________ my car broke down.
2. _________ I clean it, it still won't look new.
3. _________ I'm sure I understand you, please repeat what you said.
4. I did the washing up _________ the baby was sleeping.
5. I only ordered coffee _________ I wasn't hungry.

### Bingo Card D
1. _________ the laptop was expensive, I bought it.
2. She keeps complaining _________ she doesn’t have time.
3. _________ you begin, you must continue.
4. _________ you go to visit her, you should make sure she’s at home.
5. _________ we find my keys, we can’t leave.

### Bingo Card E
1. _________ the train was very crowded, I had to stand.
2. _________ I hear from you, I'll plan to meet you at five.
3. _________ you've learnt how to cycle, it's very easy.
4. She hired him _________ he really needed the job.
5. I suggest we wait _________ Craig gets here.

### Bingo Card F
1. _________ he was sick, he went to school.
2. I got to the bus stop _________ the bus had left.
3. _________ it's true, I'll forgive her.
4. The wind was so strong _________ the windows rattled.
5. _________ I hear that song, I think of my childhood.

### Bingo Card G
1. She went to see him _________ he was staying in Boston.
2. _________ use a computer, you must learn to type.
3. I overslept _________ my alarm didn't go off.
4. He came to see me three days _________ he left for Africa.
5. I enjoyed swimming _________ the water was cold.

### Bingo Card H
1. I'll call you _________ I get the exam results.
2. _________ or not you agree, I think it looks fine.
3. I feel more alert _________ drinking a cup of coffee.
4. You'll get into trouble _________ your parents find out.
5. I'll send you my location _________ you can find my place more easily.
### Bingo Card I
1. _______ you've said something, it can't be taken back.
2. I would appreciate a reply _______ possible.
3. I called a taxi _______ it was raining.
4. _______ he sees me, he pretends he doesn't know me.
5. It will be a long time _______ I can buy a house.

### Bingo Card J
1. _______ I was exhausted, I continued to work.
2. He came in _______ I was going out.
3. We will go to the park _______ it rains.
4. I've made some sandwiches _______ we can have a snack on the way.
5. We felt relieved _______ we saw a light in the distance.

### Bingo Card K
1. I asked him _______ he would go there the next day.
2. She was very shy _______ she graduated.
3. _______ it was very cold, we went out.
4. The spokesman confirmed _______ the report was true.
5. _______ he was feeling sick, he stayed in bed.

### Bingo Card L
1. I'm sorry to interrupt you _______ you're talking.
2. I'll call you _______ I get home.
3. I want you to meet him _______ hear his opinion.
4. I haven't decided yet _______ I'll go to college or get a job.
5. _______ he is over 70, he is still active.

### Bingo Card M
1. _______ this job is over, I'm out of here.
2. She kept on talking _______ I asked her to stop.
3. _______ you're hungry, you must eat slowly.
4. I like to go to the beach _______ I get the chance.
5. Mia didn't go to class yesterday _______ she was ill.

### Bingo Card N
1. They regarded him _______ the best doctor in town.
2. I finished reading the book, _______ it was very long.
3. It would be fantastic _______ you could come to the party.
4. I'll go by car _______ I can take more luggage.
5. Paul wasn't sure _______ to go to India or Thailand.

### Bingo Card O
1. I fell asleep _______ listening to the radio.
2. We stayed up talking _______ the sun came up.
3. _______ you're willing to wait, you'll have to come back tomorrow.
4. Olivia is so happy _______ it's summer again.
5. _______ we're done, let's get some ice cream.

### Bingo Card P
1. We shouted _______ warn everyone of the danger.
2. _______ I've never eaten here before, I don't know what to recommend.
3. Joshua didn't go to work yesterday _______ he was feeling unwell.
4. _______ a bad habit is formed, it's hard to get rid of it.
5. _______ she was tired, she couldn't sleep.
### Caller's sheet

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