Subordinate Conjunction Openers

Subordinating conjunctions (*e.g. when*) introduce a subordinate clause. You can remember some of the most useful subordinating conjunctions by using 'I SAW A WABUB' which we refer to in class as a strange monster! This helps us to remember the subordinate conjunction words we can use at the start of sentences. See ISAWAWABUB poster for support.

Look at the sentences below.
Currently, the subordinate conjunctions are at the end of the sentences.
Rewrite these sentences by moving the subordinating conjunctions to the start.

Subordinating conjunctions are the first words within a subordinate clause. Subordinate clauses do not make sense on their own but, when they are used with a main clause, they create a complex (multi-clause) sentence.

1. They stood before the shrine, before the family ate breakfast.

2. Sabryna filled her pocket with salt for a day's luck, after breakfast.

3. Mrs Strongarm caught her elbow, as Sabryna turned to thank her.

4. The river sank lower and lower, as the days passed.

Extension

Now have a go at writing four or more of your own complex sentences with subordinate conjunctions as openers. Use the wordbank sheet for ideas. Your sentences can of your choice.