What do I need to make a subordinate sentence?

The first part of the sentence can either be the main clause or the subordinating clause, depending on how you want to write your sentence. This example follows using the main clause as the first part of the sentence.

* *My bike needs a new coat of paint*

The next part will be the subordinating clause. This can be any conjunction that shows an imbalance or contrast, e.g. although, because, unless, after, if, etc.

* *because*

The last part of the sentence is the dependent clause - this is the part that's being compared. The *reason* the bike needs a new coat of paint is that it's very old.

* *it's very old.*

So, the full sentence would be:

* My bike needs a new coat of paint because it's very old.

We could also swap the main clause and subordinate clause around to write the sentence in this way:

* Because it's very old, my bike needs a new coat of paint.

They're both correct - it's just up to you how you want to write the sentence.