

Wednesday 10th June 2020

Identifying the subordinate clause and main clause in a sentence.

First watch the video to remind yourselves of the different types of clauses you have learned in school throughout the years.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BT1HhMcB8aw>

Now have a go at identifying whether the underlined part of the sentence is a subordinate clause. The trick is to read that section aloud without the rest of the sentence. If it makes sense on its own then it is a main clause. If it does not make sense on its own, it is a subordinate clause.

Identifying Main Clauses and Subordinate Clauses					
Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined clause is the main clause or the subordinate clause.					
Sentence	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause	Sentence	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause
<u>I paid the driver</u> when I got on the bus.			It should be fine <u>because I checked the times yesterday.</u>		
Eat at Sizzling Sausages <u>because the food is great.</u>			Put on your coat because it is cold and wet outside.		
Because it was raining, <u>I took my raincoat with me.</u>			If it doesn't arrive, <u>go to the shops.</u>		
<u>The delivery man knocked on the door</u> because the doorbell had broken.			<u>Kate went straight home after school</u> because she had to get ready for swimming.		
They stared at the view from the window <u>because it reminded them of home.</u>			Tomorrow morning, <u>when the clock strikes nine</u> , school will begin.		
We will go to the cinema <u>if you tidy your bedroom.</u>			I'd love an ice cream <u>when I have finished reading my book.</u>		

This one is a little trickier and included embedded clauses.

Identifying Main Clauses and Subordinate Clauses					
Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined clause is the main clause or the subordinate clause.					
Sentence	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause	Sentence	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause
The shop, <u>which was apparently open</u> , had no lights on.			<u>After completing her homework</u> , Alice went out to play in the garden.		
The sun, sparkling like a diamond, <u>was overhead.</u>			Before starting work, <u>Leila went for a run.</u>		
Getting up from his seat, <u>the teacher shouted at the children.</u>			Andrew cooked a Sunday roast <u>which was delicious.</u>		
The toolkit, <u>which was strapped to his waist</u> , was heavy.			She paid the bill <u>after eating her meal.</u>		
Mrs Smith, who is our Maths teacher, <u>always plans great lessons.</u>			Once his bed was made, <u>Jake was able to play on his game.</u>		
Manchester, <u>where I live</u> , is a brilliant city.			Real Madrid, <u>my favourite team</u> , are the best club.		

Now have a go at separating the main clause and subordinate clause. Underline the main clause in red and underline the subordinate clause in blue.

1. The moon, shining like a light, was directly overhead.
2. The stolen car sped up the hill, chased by two police cars.
3. The flowers, which had bloomed in the spring, were fading fast.
4. Steven, a year younger than me, was not allowed to go.
5. The room was filled by a strange noise that echoed through my head.
6. Mum sat on the sofa, while the children played on the floor.
7. The new pupil smiled shyly as she was introduced to the class.
8. The sun, which was now directly overhead, was incredibly hot.
9. The present, wrapped in silver paper, was under the Christmas tree.
10. We looked up in surprise when we heard Aisha's scream.
11. I knew I was nearly home because the car was slowing down.
12. Miss Gerrard, who teaches English, hates the misuse of the possessive apostrophe.

Now try writing your own sentences with subordinate or relative clauses using your spelling words.

Identifying Main Clauses and Subordinate Clauses

Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined clause is the main clause or the subordinate clause.

Sentence	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause	Sentence	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause
I <u>paid the driver</u> when I got on the bus.	★		It should be fine <u>because I checked the times yesterday.</u>		★
Eat at Sizzling Sausages <u>because the food is great.</u>		★	Put on your coat because it is cold and wet outside.	★	
Because it was raining, I <u>took my raincoat with me.</u>	★		If it doesn't arrive, <u>go to the shops.</u>	★	
The <u>delivery man knocked on the door</u> because the doorbell had broken.	★		<u>Kate went straight home after school</u> because she had to get ready for swimming.	★	
They stared at the view from the window <u>because it reminded them of home.</u>		★	Tomorrow morning, <u>when the clock strikes nine</u> , school will begin.		★
We will go to the cinema <u>if you tidy your bedroom.</u>		★	I'd love an ice cream <u>when I have finished reading my book.</u>		★

Identifying Main Clauses and Subordinate Clauses

Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined clause is the main clause or the subordinate clause.

Sentence	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause	Sentence	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause
The shop, <u>which was apparently open</u> , had no lights on.		★	<u>After completing her homework</u> , Alice went out to play in the garden.		★
The sun, sparkling like a diamond, <u>was overhead.</u>	★		Before starting work, <u>Leila went for a run.</u>	★	
Getting up from his seat, <u>the teacher shouted at the children.</u>	★		Andrew cooked a Sunday roast <u>which was delicious.</u>		★
The toolkit, <u>which was strapped to his waist</u> , was heavy.		★	She paid the bill <u>after eating her meal.</u>		★
<u>Mrs Smith, who is our Maths teacher</u> , <u>always plans great lessons.</u>	★		Once his bed was made, <u>Jake was able to play on his game.</u>	★	
Manchester, <u>where I live</u> , is a brilliant city.		★	Real Madrid, <u>my favourite team</u> , are the best club.		★

1. The moon, shining like a light, was directly overhead.
2. The stolen car sped up the hill, chased by two police cars.
3. The flowers, which had bloomed in the spring, were fading fast.
4. Steven, a year younger than me, was not allowed to go.
5. The room was filled by a strange noise that echoed through my head.
6. Mum sat on the sofa, while the children played on the floor.
7. The new pupil smiled shyly as she was introduced to the class.
8. The sun, which was now directly overhead, was incredibly hot.
9. The present, wrapped in silver paper, was under the Christmas tree.
10. We looked up in surprise when we heard Aisha's scream.
11. I knew I was nearly home because the car was slowing down.
12. Miss Gerrard, who teaches English, hates the misuse of the possessive apostrophe.