



Clauses

Most sentences are made of **clauses**.

A **main clause** has a **subject** and a **verb**, and **makes sense** on its own.

A **subordinate clause** gives extra information but it **doesn't make sense** on its own.

main clause → Hilary told Alex **that she couldn't come.** ← subordinate clause

1 Underline the main clauses in the sentences below.

Darius went to the shop because he needed some milk.

Jodie is going to the party even if Rebecca won't go with her.

Provided that it doesn't start to rain, they'll play outside.

Unless you know the answer, we'll ask Richard.

They climbed the tree even though I thought it was a bad idea.

2 Add a word from the box and your own clause to complete the sentences below.

when after although until before

Only use each word from the box once.

We need to wait

Eleanor has a shower

I'm going to buy some sweets

Doris wants to get a dog

Sophie eats her breakfast

"I can spot main clauses and subordinate clauses."



Basic Relative Clauses



A relative clause is a subordinate clause that is often introduced by a relative pronoun. Here are some relative pronouns: **that**, **which**, **whose** and **who**.

Joe is the man who delivers the milk.

relative pronoun

relative clause

The words **where** and **when** can also introduce relative clauses.

- 1 Circle the relative pronouns in the sentences below. Then underline the relative clause in each sentence.

I prefer the blue shoes which match my dress.

This is the house that Megan is going to move into.

I don't like people who are cruel to animals.

We found a lost dog whose owner was nowhere to be seen.

Yvonne likes to go for walks that have amazing views.

This is the computer game that I bought last weekend.

- 2 Add a suitable relative pronoun to complete the relative clauses below.

This is the book Pria was reading.

The Tasty Taverna is a restaurant specialises in vegetarian meals.

I need to find a shop sells fancy dress costumes.

Ulrika met a man dog was almost as big as he was.

Juliet is the person always gets her own way.

Let's go on holiday to a country has hot, sunny weather.

We saw a jellyfish tentacles were two metres long.

3 Draw lines from each main clause to the correct relative clause to make a sentence.

Main Clause

Relative Clause

I found an injured rabbit

who can renovate our house.

Scott moved to a quiet village

when he got lost at the funfair.

Dad is looking for a builder

that he saw advertised on TV.

Kevin remembers the day

whose leg was broken.

Colin wants to buy the game

where there were no other children.

4 Add a relative clause using 'who' or 'which' to each sentence below.

Susanna waited for Edward

There was a lot of noise

Ronald went to the circus

The people welcomed the man

5 Write two sentences which contain a relative clause using the words below.

teacher strict

scientist experiment

"I can write sentences with relative clauses."



Trickier Relative Clauses



A relative clause sometimes comes in the middle of a sentence.

The girl who knocked on the door ran away.

relative pronoun

relative clause

The ball which flew past us landed in the garden.

relative pronoun

relative clause

1 Underline the relative clause in each of the sentences below.

After the party, which finished at midnight, we went to bed.

The room where the books are stored is being repainted.

Neil, whose son plays the drums in a band, loves rock music.

That day when I fell over was the most embarrassing day of my life.

The house that flooded during the storm can now be lived in again.

Liam, who wants to be a pilot, is taking flying lessons.

2 Add a suitable relative clause to complete the sentences below.

The boy looked very angry.

Michael's phone broke.

The town is not very big.

Roger's nephew is twelve.

That windy day was awful.

My old teddy bear is in the wash.

Relative clauses don't always have a relative pronoun — sometimes the relative pronoun can be left out.

They got the postcard which we sent from Spain.

relative clause with a relative pronoun

They got the postcard we sent from Spain.

relative clause without a relative pronoun

3 Tick the sentences that can also be written without a relative pronoun.

I know a girl who says she's Lisa's friend.

The museum which we visited was very interesting.

Nobody knows the boy whose parents are abroad.

That's the football team that Josh is joining.

My tenth birthday was the day that Everton won the FA Cup.

The relative clauses are underlined.

4 Rewrite the sentences below without a relative pronoun.

The walk which we went on was far too long.

I've forgotten the name of the film which Jim recommended.

He can't remember the day that we went to the zoo.

"I can use relative clauses without relative pronouns."



Phrases

Clauses and sentences are built up of **groups of words** called **phrases**.
A **phrase** either doesn't have a **verb**, or doesn't have a **subject**
(some phrases might have neither).

to the post office

a few green monsters

1 Circle the groups of words below which are phrases.

I go swimming he likes it we live on a farm

this afternoon on the way to school

a yellow submarine Frank has a caravan

really fast I ate a piece of cake

★ **Extra Challenge**

Write your own sentences using the phrases you circled.

2 Draw lines to match each group of words with the correct label.

behind the blue sofa

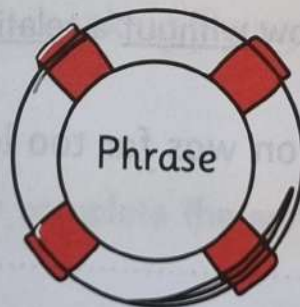
on the phone

he's silly

little, pork sausages

Ray sat down

at the back



we're happy

those naughty boys

let's play golf

I go swimming

they're fine

long, hairy legs

"I can spot phrases and clauses."

