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What is a sentence?

A sentence must:

- start with a capital letter and end with . ? !
- have a verb
- make sense!

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The girl tore a book.

The dog chased the cat.

The boy broke the window.

The ball landed in the puddle.

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What is a clause?

A clause is a group of words which has a verb but is not a sentence.

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because he broke his leg

and fell over

but I cant find it

when I go to asleep

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- Sentences are made up of clauses.
- Every sentence has a main clause.
- Some sentences have a main clause and subordinate clauses.
- The main clause is the only type of clause that can be a sentence in itself.

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We went down to the river.

The banana wasn't ripe.

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Main clause

We went down to the river
after it had stopped raining.

Subordinate clause

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The plant wasn't dead although I forgot to water it.

Subordinate clause

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After it had stopped raining,
we went down to the river.

Main clause

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Subordinate clause

Although I forgot to water it, the plant wasn't dead.

Main clause

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The bucket was leaking.

A tile fell off the roof.

I have to make the tea.

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Task 1: Identify the main clause and the subordinate clause in the sentences on the sheet.

Task 2: Add a subordinate clause to a main clause to make a sentence – write it in your book.

Task 3: Add a main clause to a subordinate clause to make a sentence – write it in your book.

Extension: write sentences of their own identifying main and subordinate clauses.

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Put a tick in each row to show whether the **main** clause or the **subordinate** clause is in bold.

One has been done for you.

	Main clause	Subordinate clause
My sister , who is very annoying, is older than me.	✓	
Sports day was cancelled because it was raining heavily.		
The sofa, which is old and worn , is the cat's favourite place to sleep.		
When I arrived, everyone else was already there.		

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