

Subordinate Clauses Mini Test

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

Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate Clause
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Raffi wanted to speak German <u>since his grandparents lived in Berlin</u> .	☐	☐
<u>As it was icy</u> , the children wore their snow boots.	☐	☐
When the school bell rang, <u>the children lined up on the playground</u> .	☐	☐

1 mark

2. Label each of the clauses in the sentence below as either **main (M)** or **subordinate (S)**.

After Tess came home from school, she had a snack because she was hungry.

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1 mark

3. Rewrite the sentence below, adding a subordinate clause.
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

The sky began to rumble with thunder.

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4. Circle the subordinating conjunctions in the sentences below.

Maddie listened to music while she cooked dinner.

If I ever go to Paris, I would like to visit the Eiffel Tower.

Rahul stayed at his cousin's house until his favourite television programme had finished.

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5. Rewrite this sentence so that the **subordinate clause** appears at the start of the sentence. Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

The dog snored as he curled up in his basket.

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Subordinate Clauses Mini Test **Answers**

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Award 1 mark for all correct answers.

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2. Label each of the clauses in the sentence below as either **main (M)** or **subordinate (S)**.

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A diagram showing three rectangular boxes arranged horizontally. The first box on the left is labeled 'S', the middle box is labeled 'M', and the third box on the right is labeled 'S'. The boxes are connected by lines, suggesting a sequence or flow.

3. Rewrite the sentence below, adding a subordinate clause. Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

The sky began to rumble with thunder.

Pupils' responses may vary, such as: Before the lightning struck, the sky began to rumble with thunder.

Award 1 mark for a correct answer with complete punctuation.

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As he curled up in his basket, the dog snored.

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

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