



**words, phrases and clauses**

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Q1.

Draw lines to match each group of words with the term that describes them.

<b>Words</b>	<b>Description</b>
, who scares the postman away,	subordinate clause
a tiny, helpless kitten	main clause
a team of firefighters arrived	phrase

1 mark

Q2.

This sentence is made up of two clauses, a main clause (MC) and a subordinate clause (SC).

**MC** **MC**

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Alex's best friend, who lived in the next street, always walked home with him.

**SC**

Add a **subordinate clause** to the sentence below.

**MC**

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The swimming pool, \_\_\_\_\_,

**SC**

**MC**

\_\_\_\_\_ was full of people.

1 mark

**Q3.**

Expand the noun into a noun phrase by adding words before and after the noun.

One has been done for you.

Noun	Noun phrase
<i>the comic strip</i>	<i>the colourful comic strip on the back page</i>
the cellar	

1 mark

**Q4.**

Circle the **conjunction** in the sentence below.

When Adam tripped over a stone, he hurt his foot.

1 mark

**Q5.**

Underline the **subordinate** clause in each sentence below.

One has been done for you.

Lucy enjoyed playing football, especially when James asked her to take part.

When she was standing next to her brother, Anita looked very tall.

Even though he had little patience, Robert enjoyed chess.

Sue's skills were good although she had not been playing for long.

They finished the walk, which seemed never-ending.

2 marks

Q6.

The **noun phrase** has been underlined in the sentence below.

The angry giant shouted at Jack.

Which combination of words does the noun phrase contain?

Tick **one**.

Noun, verb and adjective

Noun, adverb and adjective

Article, verb and noun

Article, adjective and noun

1 mark

Q7.

Rewrite the sentence below, adding a **subordinate clause** to make it a complex sentence, remembering to use the correct punctuation.

The puppy started to bark.

1 mark

Q8.

For each sentence, put a tick to show whether the main clause or subordinate clause is underlined.

Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate clause
<u>I have violin lessons</u> , although I have not been playing for very long.		
If <u>you want to improve</u> , you must practise a lot.		
I practise every weekend, <u>even when it's in the school holidays</u> .		

1 mark

Q9.

Circle the two **noun phrases** in the sentence below.

The hungry cats looked longingly at the delicious fish.

1 mark

Q10.

Complete each sentence below with the most suitable word from the boxes.

Use each word **once**.

Because	Until	Although
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a) \_\_\_\_\_ I practise a lot, I'm getting better at football.

b) \_\_\_\_\_ Sam ran very quickly, Meena won the race.

c) \_\_\_\_\_ it stops raining, everyone will stay indoors.

1 mark

Q11.

Circle the **conjunction** in the sentence below.

Before it was time for tea, Tom decided to play football.

1 mark

Q12.

Label the parts of the sentence below as either a **phrase (P)** or a **clause (C)**.

Despite the bad weather, the man headed out into the woods,

\_\_\_\_\_

leaving his cottage behind.

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

Q13.

Tick one box in each row to show whether the word after is used as a **subordinating conjunction** or as a **preposition**.

Sentence	<u>after</u> used as a <b>subordinating conjunction</b>	<u>after</u> used as a <b>preposition</b>

He moved here <u>after</u> the end of the war.		
Entry is free <u>after</u> 5pm in the evening.		
I went to the cinema <u>after</u> I had eaten my dinner.		

1 mark

Q14.

Tick the option that shows how the underlined words are used in the sentence.

My baby brother was born in the hospital where my father works.

Tick **one**.

as a preposition phrase

as a relative clause

as a main clause

as a noun phrase

1 mark

Q15.

Write out the words from the boxes below to make **one** sentence.

You can use the boxes in any order.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

went to Spain

who is in my class

over the summer

Ben Green

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1 mark

Q16.

Circle the most suitable **conjunction** to complete the sentence below.

Amrit still managed to smile \_\_\_\_\_ he was feeling very tired.

although                      because                      before                      and

1 mark

Q17.

Underline the longest possible **noun phrase** in the sentence below.

That book about the Romans was interesting.

1 mark

Q18.

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

The children played on the swings.

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1 mark



Q19.

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

Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate clause
Billie, <u>who was nine years old</u> , loved to play tennis.		
Billie's mum bought her a tennis racket so that <u>she could play more often</u> .		
Billie could not play tennis with <u>her friend Lana</u> because Lana did not have a racket.		

1 mark

Q20.

Tick one box to show which part of the sentence is a **relative clause**.

The table which is made of oak is now black with age.

↑	↑	↑	↑
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark

Q21.

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

When the bell rang, we dashed into the playground and

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we started a game of football.

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1 mark

Q22.

Underline the **relative clause** in the sentence below.

The old house that is next to our school is for sale.

1 mark

Q23.

Tick the option which shows how the underlined words in the sentence below are used.

The insect-eating Venus flytrap is a carnivorous plant.

Tick **one**.

as a main clause

as a fronted adverbial

as a subordinate clause

as a noun phrase

1 mark

Q24.

Write a **noun phrase** containing at least three words to complete the sentence below.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

\_\_\_\_\_ was preparing  
for an important athletics competition.

1 mark

Q25.

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
The school, <u>which has three playing fields</u> , opened in 1967.		
Although I had cycled to school, <u>I still had the energy for my lessons</u> .		
<u>We will be proud</u> if we try our best.		

1 mark

Q26.

Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

Sasha was running to school \_\_\_\_\_ she was late.

Tick **one**.

- if
- or
- that
- because

1 mark

Q27.

Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

I hope \_\_\_\_\_ we will play musical chairs at the party.

Tick **one**.

when

if

that

because

1 mark

Q28.

Tick **one** word to complete the sentence below.

Potatoes are good for you, \_\_\_\_\_ you should not eat chips too often.

Tick **one**.

that

but

when

or

1 mark

Q29.

Which sentence contains a **relative clause**?

Tick **one**.

The boy who I met at the park is in my class.

The team is going to play a match tomorrow.

Sue said that she wanted to learn to play the drums.

Whenever they have time, they like to go cycling.

1 mark

Q30.

Which underlined group of words is a **subordinate clause**?

Tick **one**.

If you want to, you can walk with us.

This is the best fishing spot we have found.

We change places when the bell rings.

We planted the parsley next to the mint.

1 mark

Q31.

Tick the **noun phrase** below.

Tick **one**.

the tiny insect

so quickly

had been eating

very colourful

1 mark

**Q32.**

Write **one** sentence to describe something you see in the picture.

Remember to use correct punctuation.



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2 marks

**Q33.**

Which sentence **starts** with a subordinate clause?

Tick **one**.

Elena, who was good at science, wanted to be a vet.

Even though it was difficult, she was determined to succeed.

Elena loved all kinds of animals, especially horses.

She wanted a dog because she enjoyed caring for animals.

1 mark