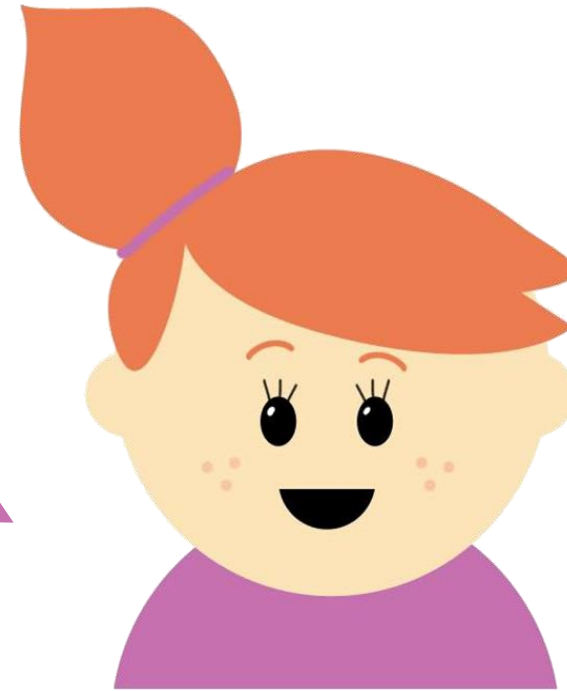


Progression in Mastery

Subordinate Clauses

Let's learn
about
subordinate
clauses!



Let's do this!

Which of these are main clauses?

Alfie ran to school

which was beautiful

he was hungry

the boy ate his cake

although it was cold

after you have eaten
your tea



Remember – a main clause makes sense by itself.

Let's revisit what we should know...

A **clause** must include a **subject** and a **verb**.

the panda grazed



subject



verb



Let's revisit what we should know...

A **main clause** must make complete sense on its own.

It can form a sentence by itself.



Jerry enjoyed his swimming lesson.

I love chocolate doughnuts.



Let's learn

A subordinate clause adds extra information to a sentence but **does not** make sense by itself.

although it was raining



Let's learn

Subordinate clauses can be used in different positions in a sentence.

After we have finished dinner, we are going for a walk.



We are going for a walk **after we have finished dinner**.

Did you notice when the subordinate clause is at the beginning of a sentence, we need a comma but when it is at the end, we don't?

Let's learn

Most subordinate clauses begin with a **subordinating conjunction**.

After we have finished dinner, we are going for a walk.



We are going for a walk **after** we have finished dinner.

The word '**after**' connects the subordinate clause to the main clause.
If it wasn't there, you would have two separate sentences.

Let's learn

Let's look at some examples of **subordinating conjunctions**.

because

as

after

while

although

before

when

if

since

once

even
though

which

Use them to create some subordinate clauses of your own!

Let's talk

What is the **subordinate clause** in this sentence?



The giraffe ate the leaves as the children watched.

Let's talk

A subordinate clause adds extra information to a sentence but **does not** make sense by itself.



The giraffe ate the leaves as
the children watched.

Let's talk

What is the **subordinate clause** in this sentence?



Even though it was raining,
Millie didn't wear a coat.

Let's talk

A subordinate clause adds extra information to a sentence but **does not** make sense by itself.



Even though it was raining,
Millie didn't wear a coat.

Let's talk

Look at the clauses below. Identify the subordinate clauses...

my dog barked

Fred ate his breakfast

her cat went outside

as the car raced past

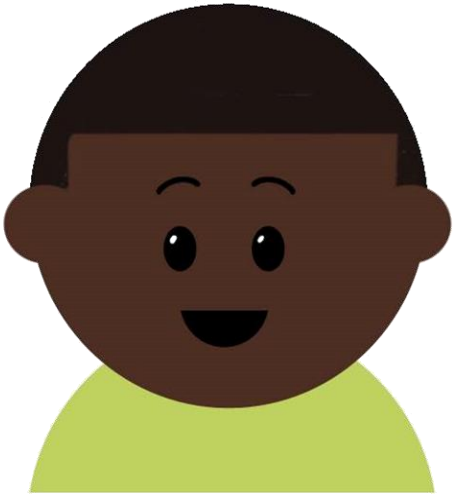
when she opened the door

before he went to school

Now... can you join the main and subordinate clauses to make complex sentences?

Let's develop our learning

Caleb thinks he has underlined the subordinate clause in this sentence.




The boy finished all of his homework before he left the house.




Is he correct? Convince me!

Independent Task

Let's showcase our learning

 YR3 PROGRESSION IN MASTERY LESSON PACK - SUBORDINATE CLAUSES

FLUENCY 1
Underline the subordinate clause in each sentence.

- The children stood up when the fire alarm rang.
- The tiger prowled through the long grass while stalking its prey. 
- We moved to London where my mother was born.
- Since I visited Italy, I have been craving pizza and gelato.

FLUENCY 2
Tick to show which sentences include a subordinate clause.

- Although I was tired, I stayed up past midnight.
- The campers could hear an owl hooting loudly.
- Jane was thrilled when Anita invited her over.
- I wanted to play football but I had to do my homework.

FLUENCY 3
Add the most suitable subordinating conjunction from the word bank to complete the sentences.


while after if until

- You can't go to the party _____ you have tidied your bedroom.
- I will borrow your umbrella _____ you don't mind.
- _____ the great storm, it didn't rain again for months.
- Marlon played the piano _____ Millie sang.

FLUENCY 4
Complete each sentence with a subordinate clause.

- We must wash our hands thoroughly _____.
- _____ we enjoyed a delicious meal in a fancy restaurant.

FLUENCY TASKS

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 YR3 PROGRESSION IN MASTERY LESSON PACK - SUBORDINATE CLAUSES

REASONING 1
True or False?

 All sentences contain a main and subordinate clause.

Convince me!

REASONING 2
Always, Sometimes or Never?

 Subordinate clauses come at the end of a sentence.

Prove it!

REASONING 3
Has Millie underlined the subordinate clauses in her sentences correctly?

 As the door opened, a stream of sunlight lit up the dark room. The nervous boy peered around before going inside.

Explain your reasoning!

REASONING 4
Odd One Out!

- My cat hides under the table whenever she hears fireworks.
- Jerry loves card games but his sister prefers board games.
- If you work hard now, you can finish sooner.

Convince me!

REASONING TASKS

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Exit task – Dong Nao Jin

Odd One Out!

Although it was hot outside, Millie didn't take a water bottle.

The children had to play inside since it was raining.

While their parents chatted, the children played in the park.