

## Clauses and Phrases

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Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Time: **20 minutes**

Marks: **23 marks**

Comments: **Please ensure that you have revised the difference between a clause and a phrase before completing this quiz**

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1 What kind of **clause** is underlined in the sentence below?

If they could afford to, the ancient Romans ate well.

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1 mark

2 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

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

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

1 mark

4 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

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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.

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1 mark

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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 <u>so that she could play more often</u> .		
<u>Billie could not play tennis with her friend Lana</u> because Lana did not have a racket.		

1 mark

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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

8

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

9

Underline the **adverbial** in the sentence below.

Last week, Ruby went swimming and played football.

1 mark

10

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

11

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

12

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


we started a game of football.


1 mark

13

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

We visited the funfair that came to our town.

My uncle who lives in Australia has sent me a present.

My friend whose rabbit I look after is on holiday.

1 mark

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Complete the sentence below with a **relative clause**. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

His sister, \_\_\_\_\_ ,

is learning to speak Polish.

1 mark

**15** What is the grammatical term for the underlined part of the sentence?

Charlie spilt his juice, but it didn't go on his shirt.

Tick **one**.

- an adverbial ☐
- a main clause ☐
- a noun phrase ☐
- a subordinate clause ☐

1 mark

**16** 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.		
<u>If 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

**17** What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

My prize was a fluffy green pencil case with a gold zip.

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

18

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

That book about the Romans was interesting.

1 mark

19

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

### Words

, who scares the  
postman away,

a tiny, helpless kitten

a team of firefighters  
arrived

### Description

subordinate clause

main clause

phrase

1 mark

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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



21

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

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What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

The new paintbrushes are in the box.

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1 mark