

Clauses



Most sentences are made of **clauses**.

A **main clause** has a **subject** and a **verb**, and **makes sense** on its own.

A **subordinate clause** gives extra information but it **doesn't make sense** on its own.

main clause → Hilary told Alex **that she couldn't come.** ← subordinate clause

1 Underline the main clauses in the sentences below.

Darius went to the shop because he needed some milk.

Jodie is going to the party even if Rebecca won't go with her.

Provided that it doesn't start to rain, they'll play outside.

Unless you know the answer, we'll ask Richard.

They climbed the tree even though I thought it was a bad idea.

2 Add a word from the box and your own clause to complete the sentences below.

when after although until before

Only use each word from the box once.

We need to wait

Eleanor has a shower

I'm going to buy some sweets

Doris wants to get a dog

Sophie eats her breakfast

"I can spot main clauses and subordinate clauses." 