

## SPaG Activities

### Phrases and clauses revision:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpgnfg8/revision/1>

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/english/clauses-and-phrases/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/oxford-owl-videos/grammar-videos-sentences-phrases-clauses/>

### Commas for clarity revision:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks2-ks3-confusing-sentences-using-commas-and-hyphens/zdv6nrd>

<https://gridclub.com/activities/comma-castle>

### **Warming up \***

#### Phrases and Clauses

**Clauses** include a verb. **Phrases** usually do not include a verb and add extra information to a sentence.

Put a tick in the correct box to identify the phrases and clauses in the sentences below. Add some sentences of your own identifying the phrase or clause.

	Phrase	Clause
The doctor's practice was a long way <u>from her house</u> .		
The enormous turnip <u>grew and grew</u> .		
<u>For months and months</u> the students studied hard.		
<u>The sheep were led</u> to the field.		
<u>There is a gigantic spider</u> under that chair!		
Under the sea, <u>there live all kinds of animals</u> .		
<u>Over the weekend</u> I went shopping.		
I always have a biscuit and cup of tea <u>at five o'clock</u> .		
Next year, <u>we're going on an adventure</u> .		

### **Feeling confident \*\***

Q1.

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

**Q2.**

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

His sister, \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
is learning to speak Polish.

1 mark

**Q3.**

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

**Q4.**

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

**Q5.**

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

**Q6.**

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

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

we started a game of football.

<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark

**Q7.**

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

**Q8.**

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

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

1 mark

**Q9.**

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

1 mark

**Q10.**

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

**Q11.**

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

**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,

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\_\_\_\_\_

☐

leaving his cottage behind.

\_\_\_\_\_

☐

1 mark

**Q13.**

Tick the sentences that are **punctuated correctly**.

Tick **all** the correct answers.

Queen Victoria, was queen of England, from 1837 to 1901.

☐

Queen Victoria's husband, whose name was Albert, was born in Germany.

☐

Queen Victoria reigned for longer than any other English monarch.

☐

Queen Victoria, who had nine children, had 42 grandchildren.

☐

1 mark

### Challenge \*\*\*

**Q14.**

Insert a comma **and** a semi-colon in the most appropriate places in the sentence below.

Ladies and gentlemen please take your seats this  
afternoon's performance is about to begin.

1 mark

**Q15.**

Tick one box in each row to show how the **commas** are used in each sentence.

Sentence	Commas are used to separate items in a list	Commas are used to separate clauses
Butterflies, moths and bees are all winged insects.		
Ana's class, which is the largest, is usually the quietest.		
When Dad bakes biscuits, Jackie always helps.		

1 mark

**Q16.**

Explain how the use of **commas** changes the meaning in the two sentences.

Mangoes, which are grown in hot countries, taste delicious.

Mangoes which are grown in hot countries taste delicious.

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1 mark

**Q17.**

- (a) Insert a **comma** in the sentence below to make it clear that **only** Sally and Bob went to the cinema.

After they left Jon Sally and Bob went to the  
cinema.

1 mark

- (b) Insert **commas** in the sentence below to make it clear that **all** three children went to the cinema.

After they left Jon Sally and Bob went to the  
cinema.

1 mark

**Q18.**

Tick one box in each row to show whether the **commas** are used correctly in the sentence.

Sentence	Commas used correctly	Commas used incorrectly

The blackbird, which nests in sheltered places, lays several eggs at a time.		
Her hobbies include walking, gardening, sewing and reading.		
My bag filled, with chocolates and sweets fell onto the floor.		
My case is heavy because I have shoes, clothes, books, and a gift, for my friend in it.		

1 mark



## Mark schemes

### Warming up answers \*

	Phrase	Clause
The doctor's practice was a long way <u>from her house</u> .	X	
The enormous turnip <u>grew and grew</u> .	X	
<u>For months and months</u> the students studied hard.	X	
<u>The sheep were led</u> to the field.		X
<u>There is a gigantic spider</u> under that chair!		X
Under the sea, <u>there live all kinds of animals</u> .		X
<u>Over the weekend</u> I went shopping.	X	
I always have a biscuit and cup of tea <u>at five o'clock</u> .	X	
Next year, <u>we're going on an adventure</u> .		X

### Feeling confident answers \*\*

#### Q1.

**Award 1 mark** for *subordinate clause* or an abbreviation that makes the intention clear, e.g.

- *subordinate*
- *sub clause*
- *subordinating*

**There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.**

**1 mark**

#### Q2.

**Award 1 mark** for a grammatically correct relative clause, e.g.

- *His sister, who is at high school, is learning to speak Polish.*
- *His sister, whose hair is red, is learning to speak Polish.*
- *His sister, who's called Tara, is learning to speak Polish.*
- *His sister, who studied French last year, is learning to speak Polish.*
- *His sister, who had always wanted to travel, is learning to speak Polish.*
- *His sister, who will be going to Poland soon, is learning to speak Polish.*

**Do not accept** a grammatically incorrect relative clause, e.g.

- *His sister, which is 15, is learning to speak Polish.*
- *His sister, that is at university, is learning to speak Polish.*

**1 mark**

#### Q3.

a main clause ☒

1 mark

**Q4.**

**Award 1 mark** for all three correct.

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

My friend whose rabbit I look after is on holiday.

1 mark

**Q5.**

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

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**Award 1 mark** for all three correct.

When the bell rang, we dashed into the playground and

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☐ M

we started a game of football.

☐ M

1 mark

**Q7.**

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly completed table.

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

**Q8.**

**Award 1 mark** for the full relative clause underlined.

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

1 mark

**Q9.**

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

Diagram showing clause boundaries with boxes for labeling:

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    [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
  
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1 mark

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1 mark

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**Award 1 mark** for three correct labels.

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leaving his cottage behind.



1 mark

### Q13.

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### Challenge answers \*\*\*

### Q14.

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed comma and semi-colon.

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performance is about to begin.

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### Q15.

**Award 1 mark** for all three correct.

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Butterflies, moths and bees are all winged insects.	✓	
Ana's class, which is the largest, is usually the quietest.		✓

When Dad bakes biscuits, Jackie always helps.		✓
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1 mark

## Q16.

**Award 1 mark** for an explanation of the meaning of both sentences, e.g.

- The commas in the first sentence mean that all mangoes taste delicious/all mangoes are grown in hot countries.  
There are no commas in the second sentence, so it means that only mangoes grown in hot countries taste delicious.*

**Also accept** responses that are not written in full sentences.

**Do not accept** responses that explain only one sentence.

**Do not accept** responses that discuss the function of the commas without fully explaining the effect on the meaning, e.g.

- There are commas in the first sentence so those words aren't important.*

1 mark

## Q17.

- a) **Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed comma.

*After they left Jon, Sally and Bob went to the cinema.*

- b) **Award 1 mark** for correctly placed commas.

*After they left, Jon, Sally and Bob went to the cinema.*

**Do not accept** the use of a serial comma.

*After they left, Jon, Sally, and Bob went to the cinema.*

1 mark

## Q18.

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly completed table.

Sentence	Commas used correctly	Commas used incorrectly
The blackbird, which nests in sheltered places, lays several eggs at a time.	✓	
Her hobbies include walking, gardening, sewing and reading.	✓	

My bag filled, with chocolates and sweets fell onto the floor.		✓
My case is heavy because I have shoes, clothes, books, and a gift, for my friend in it.		✓

1 mark