

Subordinate Clauses: Read through the slides below to remind you what subordinate clauses are:

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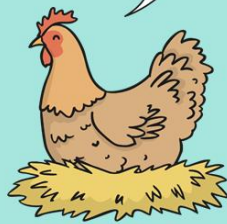
Clauses and Subordinates



Clauses are groups of words which are built around a verb.
There are different types of clauses.

Imagine this big, fat chicken is the **main clause**.
It makes sense all by itself.

I am the **main clause** chicken!
Cluck, cluck.



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Clauses and Subordinates



Subordinate clauses are clauses that tell us more about the main clause.

Imagine the chick is the **subordinate clause**.

The **subordinate clause** needs a main clause.

The **subordinate clause** only makes sense when it is with a main clause.

It relies on the big mother chicken (main clause).

Cheep!



main clause + **subordinate clause**

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Clauses and Subordinates



Here is a main clause.

Look what happens if you add a **subordinate clause**.

The chicken sat on her eggs
waiting for them to hatch.

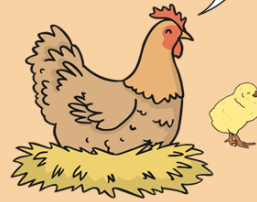
main clause + **subordinate clause**

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Clauses and Subordinates



I am the most important.



A main clause can have more than one **subordinate clause**.

The main clause remains the most important though.

main clause + **subordinate clauses**

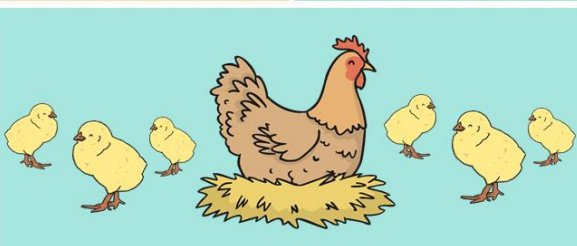
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Clauses and Subordinates



Subordinate clauses can be at the beginning, the middle and the end of a sentence.

They can pop up anywhere!



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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
She was <u>an excellent musician</u> because she had practised.		
He wanted to speak German <u>so that he could understand his grandparents</u> .		
<u>As a result of the weather</u> , the children wore their snow boots.		
<u>The rain</u> , that had been forecast, poured heavily.		

A subordinate clause is basically a part of a sentence that gives more information about the main clause, but which does not make sense on its own. You can remove the subordinate clause from a sentence and the main clause that is left will still make sense. If you take away the main clause, the subordinate clause does not make sense on its own. For example, on slide 3 above, the sentence: ***the chicken sat on her eggs waiting for them to hatch*** contains a main clause (***the chicken sat on her eggs***) which makes sense on its own, and a subordinate clause (***waiting for them to hatch***), which does not make sense by itself.

Activity:

1. Read Chapter 8 ('The Tribesmen Return') or ask someone to read it aloud to you:

The Tribesmen Return 8

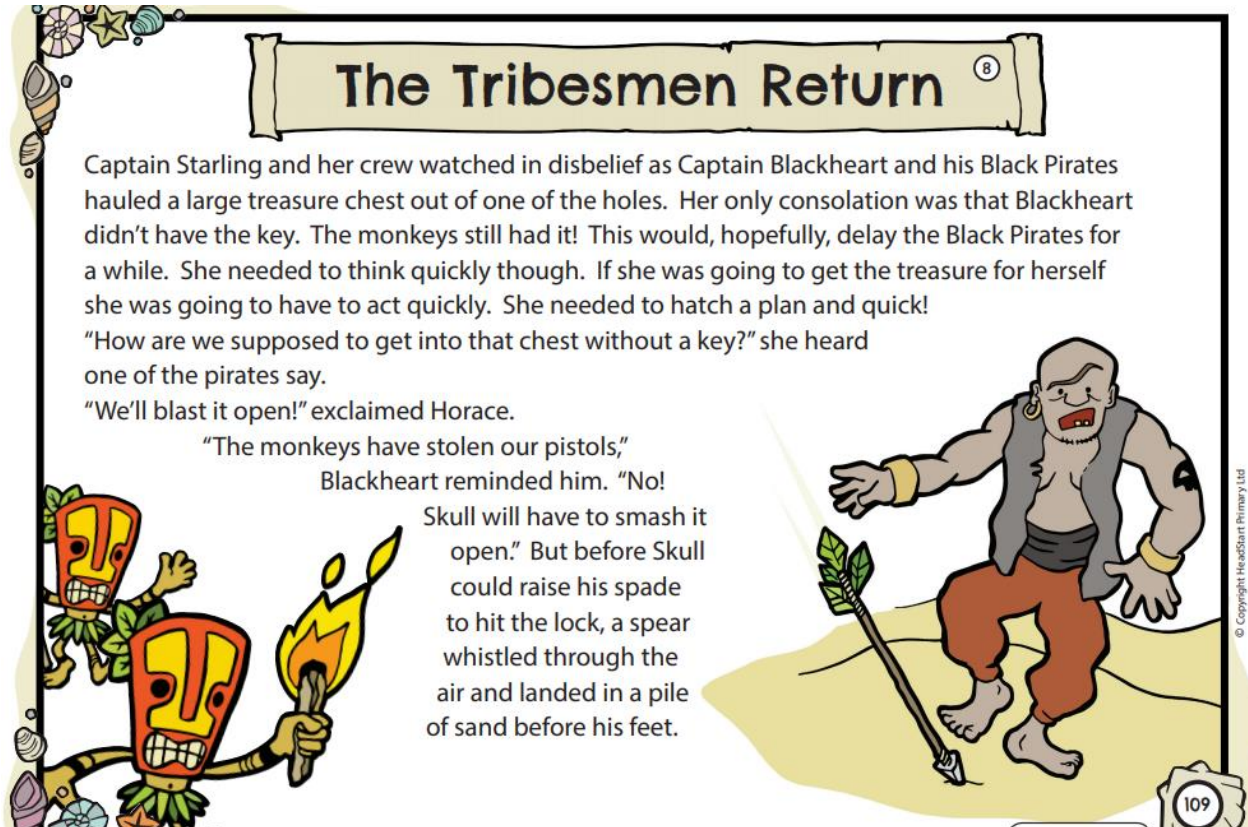
Captain Starling and her crew watched in disbelief as Captain Blackheart and his Black Pirates hauled a large treasure chest out of one of the holes. Her only consolation was that Blackheart didn't have the key. The monkeys still had it! This would, hopefully, delay the Black Pirates for a while. She needed to think quickly though. If she was going to get the treasure for herself she was going to have to act quickly. She needed to hatch a plan and quick!

"How are we supposed to get into that chest without a key?" she heard one of the pirates say.

"We'll blast it open!" exclaimed Horace.

"The monkeys have stolen our pistols,"

Blackheart reminded him. "No! Skull will have to smash it open." But before Skull could raise his spade to hit the lock, a spear whistled through the air and landed in a pile of sand before his feet.



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2. Complete the green pirates sheet (next page), writing the new sentences out in your book. If you want an extra challenge, have a go at the extension at the bottom of the sheet (make up a new subordinate clause to go with some of the main clauses listed).



Join the main clause to the subordinate clause using a connective from the pieces of wood.

whose

when

which

where

until

because

who

**Main clause**

- 1 The spear had been thrown by a tribesman
- 2 He was joined by another warrior
- 3 Then the whole tribe appeared out of the trees
- 4 The pirates didn't have any weapons
- 5 They turned and fled
- 6 They were chased all the way back to the beach
- 7 They rowed for their lives

Subordinate clause

- jumped up and down angrily.
- face was covered in war paint.
- they had been hiding behind.
- they had been stolen by the monkeys.
- they saw the warriors approaching.
- they had left their rowing boat.
- they reached their galleon.

Extension

Make up new subordinate clauses to go with the main clauses.

SPOILER ALERT!**ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE (FOR AN ADULT TO USE TO MARK YOUR WORK)**

The Tribesmen Return – *Subordinate clauses*
Answers to pages 109 – 112

The spear had been thrown by a tribesman **who jumped up and down angrily.**

He was joined by another warrior **whose face was covered in war paint.**

Then the whole tribe appeared out of the trees **which they had been hiding behind.**

The pirates didn't have any weapons **because they had been stolen by the monkeys.**

They turned and fled **when they saw the warriors approaching.**

They were chased all the way back to the beach **where they had left their rowing boat.**

They rowed for their lives **until they reached their pirate galleon.**