Combining Clauses

Spotting and building main clauses, subordinate clauses and relative clauses is key to the trickier sentence-structure questions in the KS2 SATs!

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

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2018) - Q15

50 Underline the **subordinate clause** in the sentence below.

Hassan and I are going to our dance class; we are going to be late as we missed the bus.

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2018) - Q50

23 Which underlined group of words is a **subordinate clause**?

Tick **one**.

If you want to, you can walk with us. ☐

This is the best fishing spot we have found. ☐

We change places when the bell rings. ☐

We planted the parsley next to the mint. ☐

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2017) - Q23

32 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

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2017) - Q32

37 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

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2018) - Q37

43 Rewrite the two sentences below as one sentence using an appropriate **co-ordinating conjunction**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

We have time to play a game. We will have to finish it before dinner.

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1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2018) - Q43

39 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.

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1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2018) - Q39

26 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

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2017) - Q26

2 Complete the sentence below by writing the **conjunctions** from the box in the correct places. Use each conjunction only **once**.

or	but	and

You may bring sandwiches _____ juice _____ water

for the trip, _____ glass bottles are not allowed.

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2016) - Q2

13 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.



1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2016 Sample) - Q13