

Task 1: Identifying the subordinate clause and the main clause

Q1. For each sentence, put a tick to show whether the main clause or subordinate clause is underlined.

Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate clause
1a) <u>I have violin lessons</u> , although I have not been playing for very long.		
1b) <u>If you want to improve</u> , you must practise a lot.		
1c) I practise every weekend, <u>even when it's in the school holidays</u> .		

Q2. 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
2a) The school, <u>which has three playing fields</u> , opened in 1967.		
2b) Although I had cycled to school, <u>I still had the energy for my lessons</u> .		
2c) <u>We will be proud</u> if we try our best.		

Q3. 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
3a) Billie, <u>who was nine years old</u> , loved to play tennis.		
3b) Billie's mum bought her a tennis racket <u>so that she could play more often</u> .		
3c) <u>Billie could not play tennis with her friend Lana</u> because Lana did not have a racket.		

Task 2: writing main and subordinate clauses

Finish off the sentences by adding more detail to these **subordinate clauses**.

- a) While the rain poured down, _____
- b) Before the party had started, _____
- c) Unless the bus arrives, _____
- d) When you have finished your homework, _____
- e) While the Christmas tree is up, _____

Subordinating conjunctions

A subordinating conjunction joins a subordinate clause to a main clause.

after	if	though
although	in order that	unless
as	now that	until
because	once	when
before	since	whenever
even if	so that	where
even though	than	wherever
how	that	while

Using the list of subordinating conjunctions above, add a subordinate clause to each of the sentences. Use a different subordinating conjunction for each sentence.

- a) Jack plays rugby _____
- b) Tim likes to draw _____
- c) Flying a kite is fun _____
- d) I love sunny mornings _____
- e) Bathtime is fun in our house _____

Answers

Task 1:

Q1

Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate clause
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<u>If you want to improve</u> , you must practise a lot.		✓
I practise every weekend, <u>even when</u> it's in the school holidays.		✓

Q2.

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.	✓	

Q3.

Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate clause
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Billie's mum bought her a tennis racket <u>so that she could play more often</u> .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Billie could not play tennis with her friend Lana</u> because Lana did not have a racket.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Task 2:

- Answers will vary.
- Sentences need to be punctuated correctly with full stops and capital letters