

1. 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

2. Underline the **subordinate** clause in each sentence below.

One has been done for you.

Lucy enjoyed playing football, especially when James asked her to take part.

When she was standing next to her brother, Anita looked very tall.

Even though he had little patience, Robert enjoyed chess.

Sue's skills were good although she had not been playing for long.

They finished the walk, which seemed never-ending.

2 marks

3.

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

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

1 mark

4.

Write out the words from the boxes below to make **one** sentence.

You can use the boxes in any order.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

went to Spain

who is in my class

over the summer

Ben Green

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1 mark

5.

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

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

1 mark

6.

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

7.

Tick the option that shows how the underlined words are used in the sentence.

My baby brother was born in the hospital where my father works.

Tick **one**.

as a preposition phrase

☐

as a relative clause

☐

as a main clause

☐

as a noun phrase

☐

1 mark

8.

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

9.

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

10.

Which sentence contains a **relative clause**?

Tick **one**.

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

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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

11.

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

12.

Underline the **adverbial** in the sentence below.

Last week, Ruby went swimming and played football.

1 mark

- 13.** 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

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

His sister, \_\_\_\_\_ ,

is learning to speak Polish.

1 mark

- 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

## Mark schemes

1.

**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**

2.

- (a) When she was standing next to her brother, Anita looked very tall.
- (b) Even though he had little patience, Robert enjoyed chess.
- (c) Sue's skills were good although she had not been playing for long.
- Also accept a response that does not have 'for long' underlined.
- (d) They finished the walk, which seemed never-ending.

**Award 2 marks** for all four correct.

**Award 1 mark** for two or three correct.

**Up to 2 marks**

3.

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

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

**1 mark**

4.

**Award 1 mark** for a grammatically correct, accurately punctuated sentence that includes all of the information given in the boxes in any logical order, eg:

- *Ben Green, who is in my class, went to Spain over the summer.*
- *Ben Green (who is in my class) went to Spain over the summer.*
- *Over the summer, Ben Green – who is in my class – went to Spain.*

**1 mark**

5.

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

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

1 mark

6.

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

Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate clause
Billie, <u>who was nine years old</u> , loved to play tennis.		<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>	

1 mark

7.

as a relative clause

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1 mark

8.

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

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

1 mark



9.

**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

10.

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

1 mark

11.

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

When the bell rang, we dashed into the playground and

S

M

we started a game of football.

M

1 mark

12.

**Award 1 mark** for the correctly underlined words.

Last week, Ruby went swimming and played football.

1 mark

13.

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

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

14.

**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**

**15.**

a main clause ☒

**1 mark**