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Main, Subordinate and Relative Clauses

Match the clauses with their definitions.

Main Clause

Relative Clause

Subordinate
clause

A group of words that adds extra information that doesn't make sense on its own.

A group of words that add extra information about the noun. They begin with a relative pronoun.

A group of words that contain a subject and a verb. They make sense on their own.

In the sentences below, **underline the main clause in red** and **the subordinate clause in blue**.

- 1) We will go to the fair after we have had breakfast.
- 2) After she picks me up, Mum is taking me to buy shoes.
- 3) I first met her in Paris where I lived as a small child.
- 4) Although I was scared, I crept inside.
- 5) We went out to play because the rain had stopped.

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Add your own subordinate clauses to the sentences below. Remember to punctuate your sentences correctly.

1) He doesn't have any money _____

2) _____ the children behaved excellently.

3) I'd love a slice of cake _____

4) Before the party had started _____

5) _____ I took a deep breath.

Write a sentence of your own including a main clause and a subordinate clause. Underline the main clause in red and the subordinate clause in blue.

In the sentences below, underline the relative clause in blue and circle the relative pronoun in red.

1) Alana, who has always got shiny hair, always looks smart for school.

2) My cousins live in Canada, which is a long way to visit.

3) My sister looks just like my mum, whose hair curls the same way.

4) The cake that I bought yesterday tastes delicious.

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Write a sentence of your own including a relative clause. **Underline the relative clause in blue** and **circle the relative pronoun in red**.

In the table below, tick the column to show which part of the sentence is underlined.

	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause	Relative Clause
<u>It was my dog Rufus,</u> who ate my homework.			
Bananas, <u>which</u> <u>frown in tropical</u> <u>countries,</u> have to be flown to Britain.			
I'm going into town <u>because I need to get</u> <u>a new pair of shoes.</u>			
Put a tick next to it <u>if</u> <u>you have given the</u> <u>correct answer.</u>			
<u>James,</u> who is a good finder, <u>is great at</u> <u>hide-and-see.</u>			
<u>Unless the bus</u> <u>arrives,</u> I will have to start walking.			