

Varied Fluency

Step 1: What is a Clause?

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G3.1) [clause](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support identifying the different components of a main clause. Including nouns and verbs in single-clause sentences.

Expected Questions to support identifying the different components of a main clause. Including nouns and verbs in sentences with up to two clauses.

Greater Depth Questions to support identifying the different components of a main clause. Including nouns and verbs in sentences with up to two clauses, using adjectives to expand a noun phrase.

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What is a Clause?

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1a. Underline the verb and circle the nouns in the sentence below.

Michael hurt his knee in the playground.



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1b. Underline the verb and circle the nouns in the sentence below.

Diane washed her hair in the bathroom.



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2a. Punctuate the sentence below.

linda read her favourite story



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2b. Punctuate the sentence below.

the car moved very slowly



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3a. Tick the main clause below that makes sense on its own.

A. the dog could

B. the dog barked

C. the dog was



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3b. Tick the main clause below that makes sense on its own.

A. the boat sank

B. the boat flew

C. the boat's mast



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4a. True or false? The clause below is a main clause.

Our cow ran away.



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4b. True or false? The clause below is a main clause.

The lights went off in the museum.



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What is a Clause?

5a. Underline the verbs and circle the nouns in the sentence below.

The professional footballers ran, jumped and skipped around the pitch.



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What is a Clause?

5b. Underline the verbs and circle the nouns in the sentence below.

The light outside switched on in the middle of the night because a fox ran by.



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6a. Punctuate the sentence below.

did the ginger cat climb over the wooden fence



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6b. Punctuate the sentence below.

i can't believe that my teapot made twelve large cups of tea



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7a. Tick the main clause below that makes sense on its own.

A. the chips tasted lovely

B. those warm, curly chips taste

C. the chips tasted the girl



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7b. Tick the main clause below that makes sense on its own.

A. those clear river ran through

B. that winding river slowly

C. the wide river ran down the hill



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8a. True or false? The main clause in the sentence below is underlined.

Sally pushed through the trees and saw a light over the road.



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8b. True or false? The main clause in the sentence below is underlined.

After the tree was cut down, nobody wanted to go to the park.



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9a. Underline the verbs and circle the nouns in the sentence below.

The little boy likes to take his dog for a long walk around the park on Sundays.



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What is a Clause?

9b. Underline the verbs and circle the nouns in the sentence below.

We travelled all through the night on a small coach and arrived at the hotel before breakfast.



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10a. Punctuate the sentence below.

in the holidays do you always go to the park with sarah and pete in before it gets too dark



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10b. Punctuate the sentence below.

if you want to reach the top of the eiffel tower in paris don't sleep in because the queues are huge



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11a. Tick the main clause below that makes sense on its own.

A. the final decision made

B. the last-minute decision was hastily made

C. the difficult decision that she would make



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11b. Tick the main clause below that makes sense on its own.

A. the large, green book spoke slowly

B. the white horse quickly escaped

C. the gentle horse sang clearly very



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12a. True or false? The main clause in the sentence below is underlined.

My mother bought me a red bike when I turned 11 and it was amazing!



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12b. True or false? The main clause in the sentence below is underlined.

Even though he knew it was wrong, Billy copied his best friend's answers.



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Developing

- 1a. Verb – hurt; nouns – Michael, knee, playground
2a. Linda read her favourite story.
3a. B
4a. True

Expected

- 5a. Verbs – ran, jumped, skipped; nouns – footballers, pitch
6a. Did the ginger cat climb over the wooden fence?
7a. A
8a. False

Greater Depth

- 9a. Verbs – likes, take; nouns – boy, dog, walk, park, Sundays
10a. In the holidays, do you always go to the park with Sarah and Pete before it gets too dark?
11a. B
12a. False

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Developing

- 1b. Verb – washed; nouns – Diane, hair, bathroom
2b. The car moved very slowly.
3b. A
4b. True

Expected

- 5b. Verbs – switched, ran; nouns – light, night, fox
6b. I can't believe that my teapot made twelve large cups of tea!
7b. C
8b. False

Greater Depth

- 9b. Verbs – travelled, arrived; nouns – night, coach, hotel, breakfast
10b. If you want to reach the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, don't sleep in because the queues are huge!
11b. B
12b. True