

Clauses

A main clause makes complete sense on its own.

A subordinate clause depends on a main clause for its meaning.

Bruce loves cooking.

Bruce loves cooking because he can eat the leftovers.



Today, the animals are having lunch at a café. There are four sentences about them below. Some have just a main clause, and some have a main clause and a subordinate clause. Draw a straight line under all the main clauses.

Wolfy ordered some chocolate cake.

Pin can't eat nuts because she's allergic to them.

Gloria loves pineapple.

Zeb ordered two pizzas so everyone could share them.



Now draw a wiggly line under the subordinate clauses and a star next to sentences that contain both a main and a subordinate clause.

In the kitchen, Hop has torn up Bruce's instructions by mistake. Draw a line from each main clause on the left to the correct subordinate clause on the right so that the instructions make sense.

1. Always wash your hands

2. Keep an eye on the timer

3. You can leave out the nuts

if you don't like them.

so the food doesn't burn.

before you start to cook.



Write an instruction that could go in a recipe. Start with a main clause, then give more information by adding a subordinate clause. If you want to write another instruction, wipe your sentence clean and try again.

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