



What is a Clause?

A clause is a group of words that contains a verb and a subject. A simple sentence is a clause. e.g. [Toma, Jone and Rita] were taken to hospital.

Subject

verb

- ❖ This clause makes sense all by itself so it's called a **main** or **clause**.
- ❖ We can add another clause to this main clause so that there are **two clauses** in the sentence.

E.g. After they were attacked by sharks.

subject.

verb

- ✓ This group of words is also a clause as it has a verb and a subject. But it doesn't make sense all on its own. It is called a **dependent clause** or **subordinate clause**.

Toma, Jone and Rita were taken to hospital.

- ✓ This is still the **main clause** as it makes a complete sentence.

3.1) Now, divide the following sentences into **main clause** and **dependent clauses**. Use different **coloured pencils to highlight** your work.

- After Mr. Tuira's car disappeared, Tomu was violently sick in the corn field.
- They drove the car into the forest where no one could see it.
- Shalini hid under the blanket as if she saw a thief in the house.
- They were so tired, Tim and John went to sleep.



2.

a) What is a subject?

A person or thing that the sentence is about. But how do we find the subject? Let's split up this sentence: **The cat was fond of the dog.**

✓ Find the verb- was fond

With your Parent or Guardian , try to look for the **verb** and **subject** in each of the clauses above in **activity 3.1**.

4 (b) Are the underlined parts of the following sentences clauses? Tick the **yes** or **no** box.

- a. Waisale Vuli felt very sleepy. Yes No
- b. Waisale Vuli felt as if he wanted to sleep. Yes No
- c. Waisale Vuli looked down at the sleeping cat. Yes No
- d. When Shayal was walking to the castle, she had held her invisible stick. Yes No

❖ Remember to ask who or what is before the verb?