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Subordinate Clauses Mini Test

1. 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
<u>She was an excellent musician</u> because she had practised.		
He wanted to speak German <u>so that he could understand his grandparents</u> .		
<u>As a result of the weather</u> , the children wore their snow boots.		
<u>The rain</u> , which was unexpected, <u>poured heavily</u> .		

1 mark

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

Bob, who had a really big smile, was busy making tea.

As a main clause

☐

As a subordinate clause

☐

As an embedded clause

☐

1 mark

3. Rewrite the sentence below, adding a **subordinate clause**.
Remember to use full punctuation in your sentence.

The sky began to rumble with thunder.

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4. Which sentence has been punctuated correctly? **Tick one.**

The man who was very old sat on the bench.

☐

The man, who was very old, sat on the bench.

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The man, who was very old sat on the bench.

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The man who was very old sat on the bench

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1 mark

5. Rewrite this sentence so that the **subordinate clause** appears in a different place.
The subordinate clause is underlined.

The dog snored as he curled up in his basket.

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- 1 Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined clause is a main clause or a subordinate clause.

1 mark

Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate clause
She <u>was an excellent musician</u> because she had practised.	✓	
He wanted to speak German <u>so that he could understand his grandparents.</u>		✓
As a result of the <u>weather</u> , the children wore their snow boots.		✓
<u>The rain</u> , that had been forecast, <u>poured heavily.</u>	✓	

Award 1 mark for all correct answers.

- 2 Tick the choice that shows how the underlined words are used in the sentence.

1 mark

Bob, who had a really big smile, was busy making tea.

As a main clause ☒

As a subordinate clause ☐

As an embedded clause ☐

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

- 3 Rewrite the sentence below, adding a subordinate clause. Remember to use full punctuation in your sentence.

1 mark

The sky began to rumble with thunder.

Multiple answers possible here. One suggestion might be...

The sky, which was quickly turning black, began to rumble with thunder.

Award 1 mark for a correct answer with complete punctuation.

- 4 Which sentence has been punctuated correctly? Tick one.

1 mark

The man who was very old sat on the bench. ☐

The man, who was very old, sat on the bench. ☒

The man, who was very old sat on the bench. ☐

The man who was very old sat on the bench ☐

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

- 5 Rewrite this sentence so that the subordinate clause appears in a different place.

1 mark

The subordinate clause is underlined.

The dog snored as he curled up in his basket.

The dog, as he curled up in his basket, snored.

As he curled up in his basket, the dog snored.

Award 1 mark only for either correct answer.