

**Year 5 & 6**

**Grammar**

**G3 –**

**Combining**

**words,**

**phrases and**

**clauses**

### Noun phrase

Write a **noun phrase** containing at least three words to complete the sentence below.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

\_\_\_\_\_ was preparing  
for an important athletics competition.

1 mark

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

My prize was a fluffy green pencil case with a gold zip.

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

The new paintbrushes are in the box.

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

Tick the option which shows how the underlined words in the sentence below are used.

The insect-eating Venus flytrap is a carnivorous plant.

Tick **one**.

as a main clause

☐

as a fronted adverbial

☐

as a subordinate clause

☐

as a noun phrase

☐

1 mark

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

The majestic lioness under the shady tree watched her cubs play.

Tick **one**.

a fronted adverbial ☐

a subordinate clause ☐

a main clause ☐

a noun phrase ☐

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1 mark

What are the underlined words in the sentence below?

The girl with curly red hair is in my class.

Tick **one**.

a relative clause ☐

a subordinate clause ☐

a main clause ☐

a noun phrase ☐

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1 mark

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

We discovered the dusty, narrow pathway behind the house.

Tick **one**.

a noun phrase ☐

a relative clause ☐

a main clause ☐

an adverbial ☐

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1 mark

## Conjunction

Complete the sentence below by writing the **conjunctions** from the box in the correct places. Use each conjunction only **once**.

or	but	and
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You may bring sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_ juice \_\_\_\_\_ water  
for the trip, \_\_\_\_\_ glass bottles are not allowed.

1 mark

Rewrite the two sentences below as one sentence using an appropriate **co-ordinating conjunction**.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

We have time to play a game. We will have to finish it before dinner.

1 mark

Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

If you want to enter the competition, you can send your idea  
by email or by post.

1 mark

Circle the **subordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

Since it is sunny today, we can play rounders or cricket.

1 mark

Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

I started drawing a car, but then I changed my mind because  
I had a better idea.

1 mark

Complete the sentence below with an appropriate **subordinating conjunction**.

\_\_\_\_\_ football is his favourite sport, James also enjoys watching tennis on TV.

1 mark

Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

Although our team was less experienced than the others and nobody expected us to do well, we won the tournament because we had practised regularly.

1 mark

Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

The journey proved difficult as they had to travel by night, but they made good time once the stars came out to guide them.

1 mark

## Main clause and subordinate clause

Underline the **subordinate clause** in each sentence below.

Although it was getting late, Dan still hadn't finished his homework.

If you get hungry, help yourself to a snack.

I really enjoy swimming, despite finding it difficult.

1 mark

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
The school, <u>which has three playing fields</u> , opened in 1967.		
Although I had cycled to school, <u>I still had the energy for my lessons</u> .		
<u>We will be proud</u> if we try our best.		

1 mark

Which underlined group of words is a **subordinate clause**?

Tick **one**.

If you want to, you can walk with us.

☐

This is the best fishing spot we have found.

☐

We change places when the bell rings.

☐

We planted the parsley next to the mint.

☐

1 mark

Label each of the clauses in the sentence below as either **main (M)** or **subordinate (S)**.

When the bell rang, we dashed into the playground and

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

☐

we started a game of football.

\_\_\_\_\_

☐

1 mark

What is the grammatical term for the underlined part of the sentence?

Charlie spilt his juice, but it didn't go on his shirt.

Tick **one**.

an adverbial

☐

a main clause

☐

a noun phrase

☐

a subordinate clause

☐

1 mark



Underline the **subordinate clause** in the sentence below.

Hassan and I are going to our dance class; we are going to be late as we missed the bus.

1 mark

What kind of **clause** is underlined in the sentence below?

If they could afford to, the ancient Romans ate well.

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

Label each of the clauses in the sentence below as either **main (M)** or **subordinate (S)**.

After they had been for a swim, the boys had a drink

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

☐

because they were very thirsty.

\_\_\_\_\_

☐

1 mark

Underline the **subordinate clause** in the sentence below.

When the crowd heard the clattering sound, they gasped in astonishment.

1 mark

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

If you get tired on the cycle ride, stop and have a break.

Tick **one**.

a relative clause

☐

a noun phrase

☐

a subordinate clause

☐

a preposition phrase

☐

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1 mark

## Relative clause

Underline the **relative clause** in the sentence below.

The old house that is next to our school is for sale.

1 mark

Which sentence contains a **relative clause**?

Tick **one**.

The boy who I met at the park is in my class.

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The team is going to play a match tomorrow.

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Sue said that she wanted to learn to play the drums.

☐

Whenever they have time, they like to go cycling.

☐

1 mark

Underline the **relative clause** in each sentence.

We visited the funfair that came to our town.

My uncle who lives in Australia has sent me a present.

My friend whose rabbit I look after is on holiday.

1 mark

Complete the sentence below with a **relative clause**. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

His sister, \_\_\_\_\_, is learning  
to speak Polish.

1 mark

Use the information in the box to complete the sentence below with a **relative clause**.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

My grandma, \_\_\_\_\_, went on

1 mark

My grandma loves travelling.

holiday to Spain.

Underline the **relative clause** in the sentence below.

The house where I was born has been demolished.

1 mark

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

The cat that was stuck in the tree belongs to my sister.

Tick **one**.

a noun phrase

☐

a relative clause

☐

a co-ordinating conjunction

☐

a main clause

☐

1 mark