



i Simple sentences contain one **main clause** - this is a group of words that conveys the essential point of a sentence (e.g. *I went outside*). **Subordinate clauses** add complexity to a sentence, explaining *why*, *where*, *how* or *when* the action in the main clause happens (e.g. *I went outside because I wanted to play*). Both types of clause always include a verb.

A

Draw lines to match the main clauses to their subordinate clauses:

They can play indoors

before it rained.

She can sit with me

if the grass is too wet.

We all went home

because she's my friend.

B

Underline the main clause in each sentence. Circle the subordinate clause:

The children went inside because it was raining.

We visit Grandma whenever we can.

I am going home before it gets too dark.

You can have some cake if you ask me nicely.

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PRACTICE

Add a main clause to this subordinate clause:

..... before I go to bed.

Write a sentence using a subordinate clause to say when or why this girl went for a walk. Remember that all clauses need a verb.

She went for a walk

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