

**YEAR 6**

Word Classes and Clauses

Three sections. Every sentence in section A contains exactly one word of the class being asked for, so there is one right answer each time. Section C is about words that change class depending on the job they are doing.

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A. Naming the word class

Ask what the word is doing in the sentence, not what it looks like.

- 1 Write the **adverb** in this sentence:
She answered the question quickly.
- 2 Write the **adjective** in this sentence:
An enormous wave crashed onto the beach.
- 3 Write the **preposition** in this sentence:
The cat slept under the table.
- 4 Write the **conjunction** in this sentence:
We waited because the train was late.
- 5 Write the **pronoun** in this sentence:
They finished the work early.
- 6 Write the **determiner** in this sentence:
Those books belong to Sam.

- 7 Write the **verb** in this sentence:
Rain fell steadily on the empty street.
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B. Clauses

A main clause makes sense alone. A subordinate clause does not.

- 8 Write the **subordinate clause**:
Although it was raining, we walked to school.
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- 9 Write the **main clause**:
Although it was raining, we walked to school.
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- 10 Write the **subordinate clause**:
The dog barked when the postman arrived.
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- 11 Write the **relative clause**:
The book, which had a torn cover, was very old.
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- 12 What is the job of a relative clause?
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- 13 Why is *Although it was raining* not a sentence on its own?
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C. Phrases and shifting classes

A fronted adverbial opens the sentence and is followed by a comma.

- 14 Write the **fronted adverbial**:
Later that afternoon, the sky cleared.
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- 15 What punctuation mark follows a fronted adverbial?
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- 16 Expand this noun phrase by adding two adjectives:
the house
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17 Name the word class of *swiftly*.

18 Name the word class of *beneath*.

19 Name the word class of *although*.

20 A word can belong to more than one class. Give the word class of *run* in each of these:

(a) I run every morning.

(b) We went for a run.