

UNIT 28

Sentences



Finite verbs
make a tense.

Clauses are small groups of words.

They are like phrases but clauses **make sense on their own** because they have a **finite verb**.

The man was cold.

This is a **main clause**.

We can add another **clause** to make the sentence more interesting.

The man was cold | so he put on a coat.

This is the **main clause**. This is a **subordinate clause**.

Subordinate (less important) clauses usually begin with a conjunction such as:

so when although because after before if

Subordinate means less important.



Focus

What is the **main clause** in each sentence?

- 1 We were ready to go when it started to rain.
- 2 The procession came down the main street after it came out of the park.
- 3 We didn't win the match although we played very well.
- 4 I don't use a calculator when I do my sums.
- 5 I have to tidy up if I make a mess.
- 6 The volcano erupted before lava poured down its sides.

