


Subordination



Clauses



An independent clause makes sense on its own.

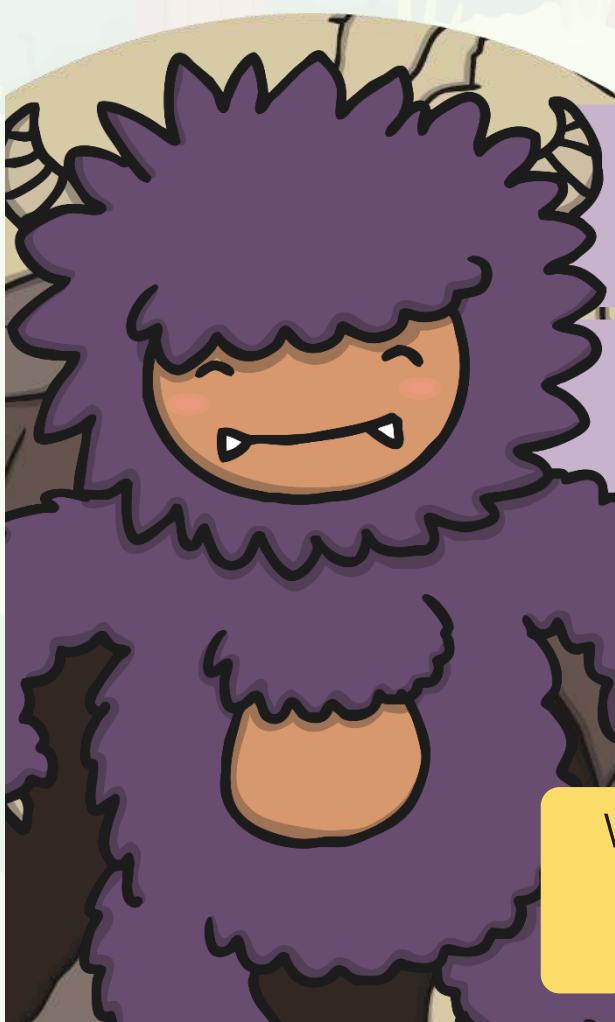
All simple sentences include a clause.

The monster roared loudly.

The subject

The verb

Clauses



When we join two independent clauses together, they become a compound sentence.

We already know at least one way to do this – by using *and*.

The monster roared loudly and he scared the little girl.

We join our independent clauses together using conjunctions.

The word **and** is a conjunction.

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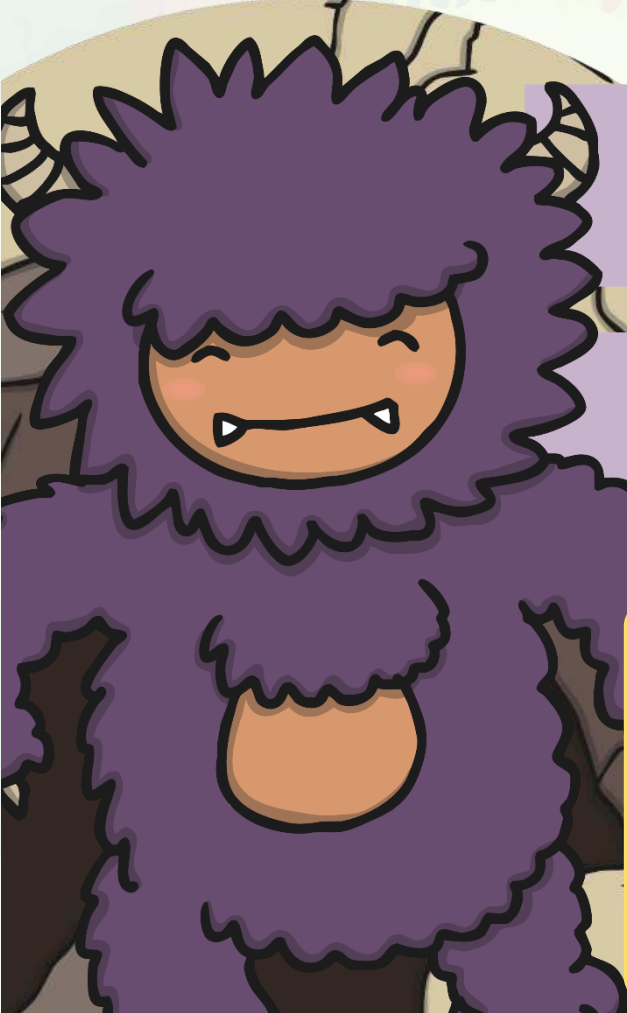
When we use a conjunction e.g. *and*, both clauses make sense on their own.

The monster roared loudly and he chased the little girl.

Sometimes we want to add more information to our sentences. This information is extra and not as important as our independent/main clause.

When we want to do this, we use a subordinating conjunction.

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An example of a subordinating conjunction is *when*.

The girl ran away when the monster roared at her.

In this sentence the main/independent clause is:

The girl ran away

The extra information and the subordinating clause is:

when the monster roared at her

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There are lots of subordinating conjunctions but we are going to look more closely at these four:

when

if

that

because

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Look at the clauses below. Which of our 4 subordinating conjunctions (when, if, that because) would join these together best?

I used one of Jerome's pencils I had lost mine.



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Mum said I could have dessertI ate all my tea.



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I will cut the grass it stops raining.



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The boy loved the toy..... his grandfather gave him.

