

# Literacy Moment: Week Beginning 13/02/17





## Can you remember what CLAUSES are?

Take **one minute** to discuss what they are. Try to give an example of one too; applying what you know helps your understanding.

There are different types of clauses...can you remember their names?



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**Subordinate clause:**

**Does not make sense on its own.**

You can also say that this is two main clauses joined by a connective.

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## Summary:

1. Main clauses make sense on their own. They contain a **verb** and a **subject** (Remember previous work on subject/verb agreement!).
2. Subordinate clauses don't make sense on their own. They provide additional information and often contain a connective.
3. You can often replace the connective with a full stop or a semi colon to create two main clauses.
4. Using a variety of sentence structures adds flair to your work as it shows you are thinking about how to craft your work for effect, rather than just writing things down!

Have you heard of an **embedded clause** at all?

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## Task:

Change these sentences to include an embedded clause!

1. I went to the shop.
2. The race was really difficult.
3. The pencil case is on the table.
4. The girl climbed the mountain.
5. Dogs need walking regularly.

**Don't forget that, if you were writing these out, you'd need commas at each end of the embedded clause!**

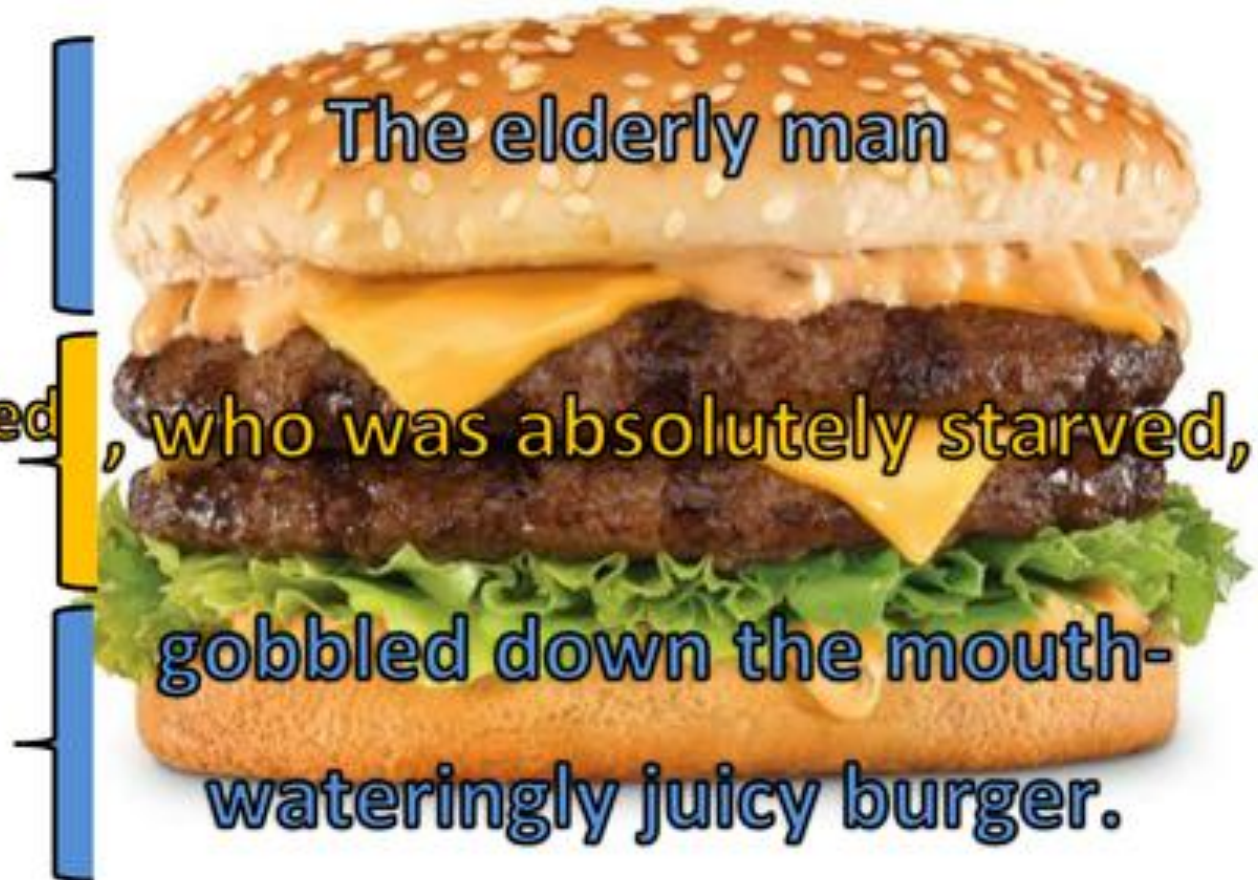
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# Key Words from Today's Session...

**Clause:** A section of a sentence.

**Main clause:** A section of a sentence which makes sense on its own.

**Subordinate clause:** A section of a sentence which doesn't make sense on its own.

**Embedded clause:** A section of sentence bookended by commas which adds info.

**Verb:** A 'doing' word. It describes an action.

**Subject:** The focus of a sentence.

**Agreement:** The process of ensuring you use the correct form of a verb.