

Main and Subordinate Clauses — Cheat Sheet

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1. Count the verbs — one verb per clause.
2. Stand-alone test: cover the rest; is it a sentence?
3. Subordinating words: although, because, when, if, while.
4. Fronted subordinate clause → comma after it.

Example: 'When the bell rang, the children rushed outside' — main = the second.