Features of Sentences Colour Key

adjective	determiner		subordinate clause	
noun	preposition		modal verb	
verb	subordinating conjunction		relative pronoun/ relative adverb	
pronoun		adverb		

1

Bethany might win the prize

if she enters the competition.

subordinate clause

subordinate clause

If she enters the competition,

Bethany might win the prize.



2

The three girls wore their summer dresses since it was a hot day.

subordinate clause

subordinate clause

Since it was a hot day, the three girls wore their summer.



Dolphins breathe out of water

as they are mammals.

subordinate clause

subordinate clause

As they are mammals, dolphins breathe out of water.



The mischievous toddler threw his food

while his mother wasn't watching.

subordinate clause

subordinate clause

While his mother wasn't watching,

the mischievous toddler threw his food.



5

Energetic salmon often leap from the water

although they have to be wary of hungry bears.

subordinate clause

subordinate clause

Although they have to be wary of hungry bears,

energetic salmon often leap from the water.



Babies like playing peekaboo

when they are a few months old.

subordinate clause

subordinate clause

When they are a few months old, babies like playing peekaboo.



7

Can you tidy your bedroom

after you have finished your homework?

subordinate clause

subordinate clause

After you have finished your homework,

Can you tidy your bedroom?



8

You should leave the last slice of cake

before you make yourself ill.

subordinate clause

subordinate clause

Before you make yourself ill,

you should leave the last slice of cake.



9

They clapped enthusiastically

until the curtain dropped.

subordinate clause

subordinate clause

Until the curtain dropped, they clapped enthusiastically.



10

Mrs Rodgers laughed hysterically

because she had heard a joke.

subordinate clause

subordinate clause

Because she had heard a joke,

Mrs Rodgers laughed hysterically.



11

relative clause

Fatima, who was a girl guide, went on a camping trip.

12

relative clause

Dart frogs, whose venom is poisonous, are found in rainforests.



13

relative clause

The car suddenly exploded,

which made a tremendous noise.

14

relative clause

The doctor that saved the injured boy was called Dr Francis.



relative clause

This is the place where we met.

