Phrases and Clauses Worksheet with Answers

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A. Phrase or clause?

Write phrase or clause for the words in capitals.

1. IN THE MORNING, we went for a walk.
2. WHEN THE BELL RANG, the students left.
3. The boy WITH THE RED CAP is my cousin.
4. I know THAT SHE IS HONEST.
5. He sat UNDER THE OLD TREE.
6. She sang WHILE SHE COOKED.
7. The match was cancelled BECAUSE IT RAINED.
8. TO WIN THE PRIZE is my dream.

B. Main or subordinate clause?

Write main or subordinate for the clause in capitals.

1. IF YOU STUDY, you will pass.
2. I stayed at home BECAUSE I WAS ILL.
3. THE TRAIN LEFT before we reached the station.
4. Meena smiled WHEN SHE SAW THE GIFT.
5. THE CHILDREN WERE PLAYING while their mother cooked.
6. Although it was late, ARJUN KEPT STUDYING.
7. The man WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR is a doctor.

C. Noun, adjective or adverb clause?

Write noun, adjective or adverb for the clause in capitals.

1. I wonder WHERE THE KEYS ARE.
2. The book THAT I BORROWED is interesting.
3. We will leave WHEN THE RAIN STOPS.
4. WHAT HE SAID surprised everyone.
5. This is the house WHERE I WAS BORN.
6. She ran fast SO THAT SHE COULD CATCH THE BUS.
7. Everyone knows THAT THE EARTH IS ROUND.

D. Join with a clause

Join each pair of sentences into one, using the word in brackets.

1. I met a boy. He plays cricket for India. (who)

2. Priya was happy. She won the prize. (because)

3. Meena believes this. Her team will win. (that)

4. It was raining. We went out. (although)

Answer Key

A. Phrase or clause?

1. phrase
2. clause
3. phrase
4. clause
5. phrase
6. clause
7. clause
8. phrase

B. Main or subordinate clause?

1. subordinate
2. subordinate
3. main
4. subordinate
5. main
6. main
7. subordinate

C. Noun, adjective or adverb clause?

1. noun
2. adjective
3. adverb
4. noun
5. adjective
6. adverb
7. noun

D. Join with a clause

1. I met a boy who plays cricket for India.
2. Priya was happy because she won the prize. (or Because she won the prize, Priya was happy.)
3. Meena believes that her team will win.
4. Although it was raining, we went out. (or We went out although it was raining.)

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