**Thursday**

Clauses within sentences

This sentence contains a main clause and a subordinate clause:

The dog ate the biscuits when he was in the kitchen.

The dog, when he was in the kitchen, ate the biscuits.

In the second sentence the subordinate clause is inside the main clause – notice the commas (parenthesis!)

**Activity One: Choose a subordinate clause (from the box) and add it to the sentences below. Write each sentence in full.**

who was a brilliant painter after a tough match which was barking loudly

when we’ve done our homework which is in Wales when I searched the house

which is played the most online

1. After school, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we played out.
2. The Art teacher, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, put up a display.
3. The team, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, came first in the league.
4. The Smiths went to Cardiff, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for their holidays.
5. I phoned the Police, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to report a theft.
6. The band, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, came onto the stage.
7. To get away from the dog, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Joe ran into the house.

**Activity Two: Writing in full sentences, put your own subordinate clause into each sentence:**

1. Jack and Harrison, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, got top marks in their test.
2. The team’s goalkeeper, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, roared loudly.
3. Mrs Marshall’s chocolate cake, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, was delicious.
4. Mrs McGill went to the cupboard, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to get a new book.
5. The huge tabby-cat, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, chased the little dog.

**Activity Three: Write the following sentences in full, adding the missing commas and non-negotiables.**

1. the lady next door who is a librarian has a large collection of history books
2. at the end of break when the bell rings we line up
3. mr smith who used to be a postman runs the newsagents now
4. the path to school which runs across the fields is very muddy after the rain
5. the little girl who was playing with her sister fell off the swing
6. the children after wrapping the parcel hurried off to the party