Spot the Clauses

Aim: I can use relative clauses

1. Sentences with relative clauses are called multi-clause – they contain a main clause and a subordinate clause. The subordinate clause has a relative pronoun at the start. It can't be a sentence by itself.

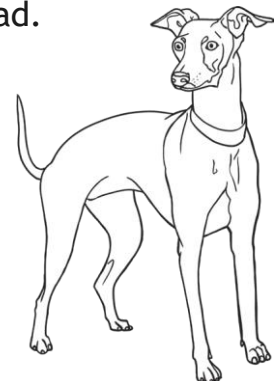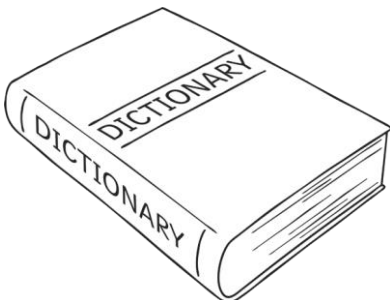Choose two colours; one for main clauses and one for subordinate clauses. Highlight the clauses in each sentence.

Look at these examples:

• My dog's fur is very curly, **which** means it's hard to brush.

• Go and get a sticker from Mr Brown**, who** is standing at the finish line.

• Oranges, **which** contain lots of vitamins, are really good for you.

Now have a go at the sentences.

Either complete them on the sheet or copy the sentences into your book and highlight them.

a) Alana, who has always got shiny hair, always looks smart for school.

b) My cousins live in Canada, which is a long way to go to visit!

c) These three girls, who have worked very hard on their Maths project, can have a prize each!

d) The Peak District, which is an excellent place for walking, climbing and biking, is a national park in Derbyshire.

e) The dog wagging his tail is called Spot, who always jumps up at people.

f) The film, which had me on the edge of my seat, was tremendously exciting!

g) Look for the spelling in the dictionary, which is an Oxford English Dictionary.

h) There aren't any chips, which means I have to have potatoes instead.

2. Challenge

Choose one multi-clause and break it down into two simple sentences. You will have to take out the **relative pronoun** and put back the noun/pronoun it replaced.

e.g. Winston Churchill was a politician, who was Prime Minister in the Second World War.

Winston Churchill was a politician. He was Prime Minister in the Second World War.

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3. Can you add main clauses to the sentences below?

a. _____ , who is very playful, _____

_____ .

b. _____ , who is very happy, _____

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4. Can you add subordinate clauses to the sentences below?

a. James, _____ , doesn't like chocolate.

b. Amina worked for hours on her project, _____

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