


Today we are going to look at a subordinate clause. A subordinate clause is a part of a sentence that does not make sense by itself. Take a look at this example.

Main clause - this makes sense by itself. If I just had this part of the sentence it would make sense. The chicken sat on her eggs.



The chicken sat on her eggs  
**waiting for them to hatch.**

The diagram consists of an orange rectangular box containing the sentence 'The chicken sat on her eggs waiting for them to hatch.' Two black lines originate from the box: one points upwards and to the left towards the text 'Main clause - this makes sense by itself. If I just had this part of the sentence it would make sense. The chicken sat on her eggs.', and the other points downwards and to the right towards the text 'This part of the sentence does not make sense on it's own. waiting for them to hatch.'

This part of the sentence does not make sense on it's own.  
**waiting for them to hatch.**

Write down or underline the subordinate clause in theses sentences. Remember this is the part of the sentence that would not make sense on its own.

- 1) She was an excellent musician because she had practiced.
- 2) He wanted to speak German so that he could understand his Grandparents.
- 3) The dog snored as he curled up in his basket.
- 4) The chicken was comfortable whilst sitting in her cage.
- 5) As she had tried her best, Miss Cowen was happy.