

Pre-Lesson Activity: Phrases & Clauses

Fun Diagnostic Quiz | English Language Arts

Name: _____

Date: _____

1 Which group of words expresses a complete thought?

A. Under the table

B. The students are reading.

C. After the class

D. In the morning

2 Which group of words has a subject and a verb?

A. In the classroom

B. After lunch

C. She studies

D. Near the school

3 Which group of words does NOT have both a subject and a verb?

A. The teacher smiled.

B. Because he was late

C. Running in the park

D. They played basketball.

4 Look at: A. 'after the meeting' | B. 'after the meeting ended'. Which is correct?

A. Both have subject & verb

B. A has subject & verb, B does not

C. B has subject & verb, A does not

D. Neither has subject or verb

5 Which sentence contains both a phrase and a clause?

A. The happy child.

B. Under the big tree.

C. When the bell rang, the students left.

D. Because of the rain.

Answer Key & Explanations

Teacher Guide & Self-Assessment Key

Q	Correct Answer	Explanation
1	B. The students are reading.	Expresses a complete thought with a subject ('The students') and predicate ('are reading').
2	C. She studies	Contains both a subject ('She') and a verb ('studies').
3	C. Running in the park	This is a participial phrase. It lacks a finite verb and a subject.
4	C. B has subject & verb, A does not	'after the meeting' is a prepositional phrase, while 'after the meeting ended' has a subject ('the meeting') and verb ('ended').
5	C. When the bell rang, the students left.	'When the bell rang' and 'the students left' are clauses, joined together with prepositional/dependent structures.