Eagles SPAG task

Week commencing 27th April 2020

Task 3

* During the last task, we looked at adding adverbs and adverbial phrases to our work.
* We also looked at using commas to separate these from the main ideas of our sentences because they were pieces of add-on information.
* Today we are looking at adding subordinate clauses to our sentences and, like last time, we might need to use commas with these depending on where we put them!

**DEFINITIONS**

A subordinate clause is extra information we may add to a sentence to give more information. In fact, the adverbial phrases you added last time are a type of subordinate clause but with a specific job. They are not essential but they do provide the reader with more information which could be useful.

Subordinate clauses don’t make sense unless they are attached to a proper sentence.

They usually begin with words like:

* *although*
* *because*
* *however*
* *even though*
* *if*
* *due to the fact*

we could have a simple sentence like this…. *The cat was naughty again*. We can add our subordinate clause for more information and have it looking like this…. *The cat was naughty again even though she knew it was wrong.* We could (just to be clever) put the subordinate clause at the front with a comma to show our readers that it is separate from the main idea…. *Even though she knew it was wrong, the cat was naughty again.* The important thing to remember, though, is that *even though she knew it was wrong* does not make sense on its own and only works when attached to a proper sentence.

**TASK**

Using the same sentences as yesterday, see if you can add a subordinate clause to each one. Remember that if you add the subordinate clause in front of the sentence, you need a comma to separate it from the main part.

1. I fed the cat.
2. I watered the lawn.
3. The washing was hung up.
4. Dinner was cooking.
5. The boy was walking.
6. The potatoes were mashed.
7. My bed was a mess so I had to tidy it.
8. The battery on the laptop died.
9. We took the dog for a walk.
10. We were bored so we decided to play Monopoly.