QUICK COMPS - THE TROJAN HORSE

Nicholas stretched his legs and kicked a spear, which fell with a metallic clang. "Shhh!" hissed Constantine. "You're supposed to be quiet. Otherwise the Trojans will guess our trick, and then we'll be in big trouble!" "There isn't much room in here," Nicholas whispered back. There wasn't. There must have been at least thirty soldiers crammed inside the belly of the wooden horse. Most of their elbows seemed to be sticking into Nicholas. It was pitch black, too. Nicholas could only identify Constantine by his voice. The worst thing, though, was the smell: thirty sweaty soldiers crammed together, with sixty sweaty feet. "So this is war," thought Nicholas. He was eighteen, and he'd volunteered to fight, imagining himself riding to battle on a noble horse. He'd never thought that he would end up hiding inside a wooden horse and sneaking into the Trojan camp.



Five W's - Write the correct answer in the box.

What weapon does Nicholas kick?	
Who is Constantine worried will guess ther trick?	
What is the horse made of?	
How many soldiers were crammed in the horse?	

Matching - Draw lines to join the information.

Nicholas	Made of metal
Thirty soldiers	Sixty sweaty feet
Spear	Eighteen years old

True or False - Write T (True) or F (False).

Nicholas is inside a horse made of metal.	
They are trying to creep into the Trojan camp.	
Nicholas was forced to fight.	
There were sixty soldiers in the horse.	

Fill in the Gap - Write the missing word from the text.

"There isn't much _____ in here," Nicholas whispered back.

Most of their _____ seemed to be sticking into Nicholas.

Nicholas could only _____ Constantine by his voice.

It was pitch _____, too.

Multiple Choice - How many soldiers are crammed into the wooden horse? (Circle the correct answer)

18 | 60 | 30 | 24

Sequence in Order - In what order do these appear in the text? (Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the smaller boxes)

trouble ☐ | belly ☐ | clang ☐ | battle ☐

Circle the Word - Circle the word that means relating to or resembling metal or metals.

Nicholas stretched his legs and kicked a spear, which fell with a metallic clang.

Find and Copy - Write the word that suggests that it was a tight squeeze inside the wooden horse.

There must have been at least thirty soldiers crammed inside the belly of the wooden horse.

Clauses

If you liked phrases, then you're going to love clauses. They're like long-lost cousins.

1) Put a tick in the correct column to show whether each group of words is a phrase, a main clause or a subordinate clause.

If you can't decide between a phrase and a subordinate clause, remember that subordinate clauses usually have a verb and someone doing the action.

	Phrase	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause
he fell over			
out of pocket			
before we went out			
Saturdays are the best			
they jumped for joy			
when we saw him			

2 marks

2) Underline the main clause in each of these sentences.

When they had found her shoes, they went out of the house.

They drank a lot of water after they had played out in the sun.

If I win the mud-throwing tournament, we can have a party.

We left the room before he could start his boring story.

I fed the pig, while Pola took the chickens for a walk.

We had to leave the zoo because a hippo had escaped.

When summer comes, we can go to the beach every day.

I don't like swimming outdoors unless it's very hot and sunny.

2 marks

Clauses

3) Underline the subordinate clause in each of these sentences.

We went to the park because I wanted to play football.

They will make a film after the TV series ends.

As long as the weather is nice, we're going to the fair this evening.

You can sing along if you want.

The music ended while they were dancing.

My computer has broken even though it's brand new.

If she does well in school, her parents are going to buy her a bike.

2 marks

4) Rewrite the sentence below, adding a subordinate clause. Add a comma if necessary.

They swam in the sea.

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1 mark

5) Write a main clause for each of these sentences, and add a comma if necessary.

When he got home .....

..... even though it was cold.

Before we could say anything .....

..... because he'd lost his coat.

..... while she had a shower.

2 marks

Real Grammagators have long, sharp claws that tear up clause questions. How sharp are you at clauses?

