



All sentences have at least one clause.

A clause is a group of words that contain a subject and a verb and makes up one part of the sentence.



The Earth gets more crowded each year.

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subject

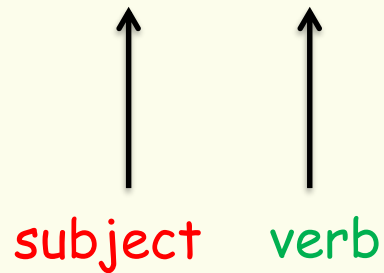


verb

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Humans need more fuel.



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The Earth gets more crowded each year. Humans need more fuel.

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We can use a conjunction to join them together to make a compound sentence.
The conjunction will replace the full stop.

Each part of a compound sentence is equally as important as the other and
would make sense on its own.

The compound sentence would then have two main clauses.



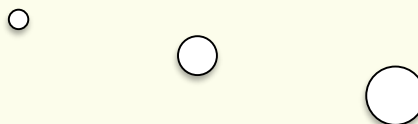
The Earth gets more crowded each year **and** humans need more fuel.



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Scientists have carried out research.



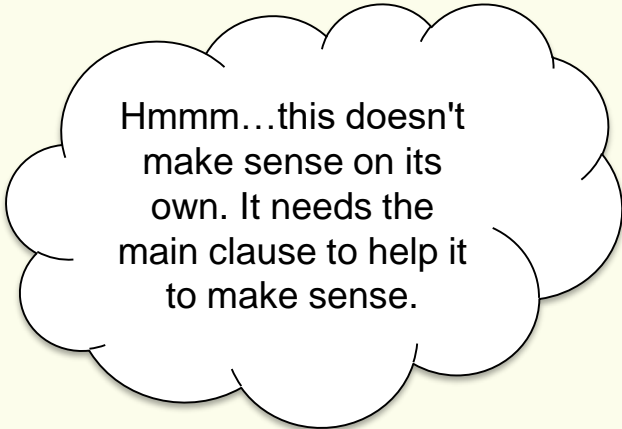
Ah! Another simple sentence with one main clause.

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We can also have sentences where there is one main clause
and another clause that gives us some extra information.
This forms a subordinate clause.

This is therefore called a complex sentence.

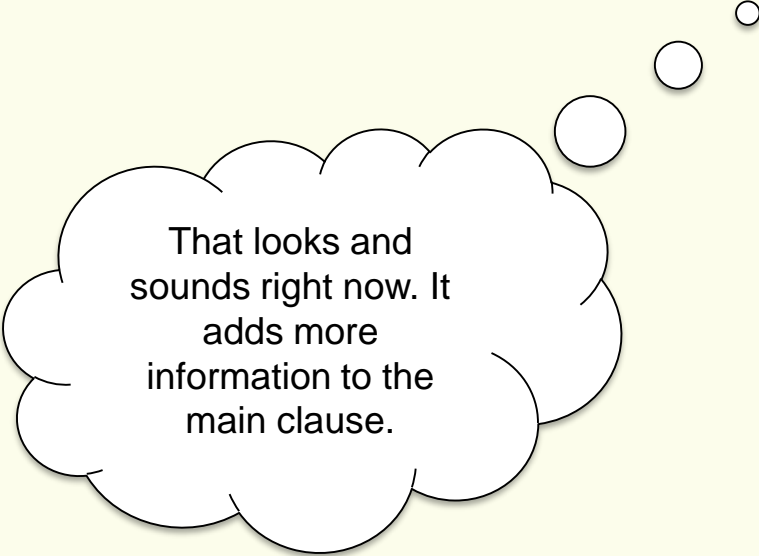
To find suitable planets for humans.



Hmmm...this doesn't
make sense on its
own. It needs the
main clause to help it
to make sense.

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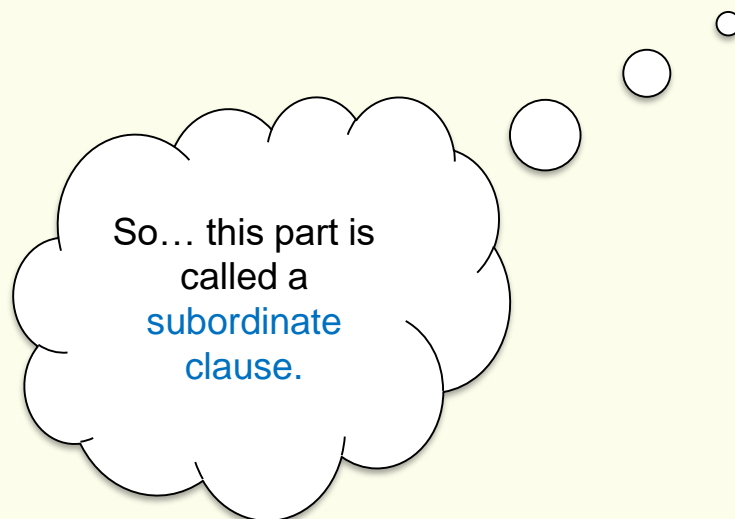
Scientists have carried out research to find suitable planets for humans.

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That looks and sounds right now. It adds more information to the main clause.

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main clause



subordinate clause