

TO BE OR NOT TO BE A CLAUSE

All right, it is time to step it up a level! This time you will be finding prepositional phrases and clauses. Prepositional phrases should have parentheses (around them) and clauses should have brackets [where they are (in the sentence)]. Remember that clauses look like a prep phrase, however, they have verbs. If you need some extra help, check your student guide.

Directions: In following sentences, place parentheses around the prepositional phrases and place brackets around clauses. In addition, draw a squiggly line under the verb that is within the clause. When you're finished, wipe your brow and wait for those raffle tickets.

Example: (In Shakespeare's play, "Hamlet,") [after Bernardo joins Marcellus (on the night watch),] two friends (of Hamlet) approach them.

1. Before the watchmen see the apparition, they doubt the word of the other men.
2. Eventually, the ghost of the deceased King of Denmark appears to the men.
3. The men on the ramparts are convinced after they see the terrifying specter.
4. Upon their encounter with the spirit, they are convinced of the ghost's intentions.
5. They think the ghost of the king is sending a warning before his country is overtaken by Norway.
6. During the spooky encounter, they attempt communication with the ghost.
7. After the ghost remains silent during a second sighting, the men decide to speak with the king's son.
8. The ghost will surely talk to his beloved son when he sees him.
9. Hamlet, the son of the King of Denmark, began grieving after he lost his father.
10. While Hamlet was still grieving, his father's brother, Claudius, marries his mother and adds to Hamlet's sadness.

Hint:
If you work in groups, you can divide up the tasks. For every three correct answers you share with the class, you receive a raffle ticket! Not every sentence has a clause in it.



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