

Main input before tasks

Step 1: Identifying Clauses

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Varied Fluency 4

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No, he is not correct because the subordinate clause is 'After his visit to the dentist' which does not make sense on its own. The underlined part of the sentence is a main clause, which makes sense on its own.

Tasks:

- 1* Complete D sheet for both tasks.
- 2* Complete E sheet for both tasks.
- 3* Complete GD sheet for both tasks.
- ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON OTHER
- TASK SHEETS

