

Experiment with sentence structure and different clause types to improve my writing.

Revision:

Can you remember what each clause looks like?

Subordinate clauses

Embedded clauses

Relative clauses



Which type of clause?

Mrs Hickman will talk you through each one here:

<https://youtu.be/HWYvbQelcrQ>

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Which type of clause?

The red dragon lives in warm habitats, such as volcanoes or tropical islands. (subordinate clause)

The *Fantastic Beasts* textbook lists ten species of dragon, who all live in different locations around the world. (relative clause AND subordinate clause)

They prefer to eat meat, especially people. (subordinate clause)



Their scales resemble fur, or even feathers, in places. (embedded)

One type of dragon is the fire-breathing Chimaera, which has the upper body of a nymph and the lower body of a sea dragon. (relative and subordinate)

Although similar in appearance, Eastern dragons were often more benevolent than their Western counterparts. (Subordinate clause – can come at the start of a sentence)



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Now it's your turn to experiment with different clause (like the ones on the previous page) to put towards your dragon description.

It will make your description more interesting.

Jot your ideas down, it doesn't matter if you don't use them all.

See some more prompts on the next page.



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- Describe all the body parts of the dragon (think: from head to toes or talons!)
- Use the different clause types.
- LOTS of description!

[http://www.dragnix.net/From tail to snout/](http://www.dragnix.net/From%20tail%20to%20snout/)

How does it move?

How does it represent itself in attack?

How does it defend itself?



Use the word mat to help develop your ideas.

Covering

spikes, studs, scales
spikes along its back
body armour with spikes along its back
tough, armour-plated skin with pointed, bony plates
hairless, leathery, scaly, wrinkled
hard, leathery skin
glistened like wet leather
as wrinkled as a prune
scaly body
covered in heavy scales
scaly, clammy skin
dry, scaly skin
slippery, wet, moist, clammy, slimy
sharp, stiff, bony, pointed
vicious spirit in the shape of a dragon
ran from its head to the tip of its tail

Wings and Tail

large, thick, heavy, broad, flat
scaly, bony, barbed, spiked, whip-like
large, winged creature
long, scaly wings sprouted from its shoulder
huge, black, bat-like wings
long tail with a spear on the end
used its tail to fly through the trees
thrashed the air, searching for its target
its thick, heavy tail dragged along behind it

Character

fierce, brutal, savage, violent, vicious, menacing,
merciless, malicious, ferocious, malevolent, frightening,
terrifying, petrifying

Head, Face and Eyes

horns, nostrils, tongue, slime
hooked, curved, forked, knobbly, rubbery
dripping, snarling, slavering, grotesque
scissor-like jaws
monstrous, slobbering mouth
savage, needle teeth like spikes on a trap
dripping slime
pupils, sockets, slits, beady, cold, evil, piercing
glared, flickered, bulged
blazing, bloodshot eyes
glowing red eyes, malicious staring eyes
burned like furnaces

Legs and Feet

terrifying, four-legged monster
tree-trunk legs
razor talons, eagle talons on its fingers were long and deadly
fingernails made of brass
long, agile legs and four-toed feet
powerful legs and feet, which were tipped with vicious talons

