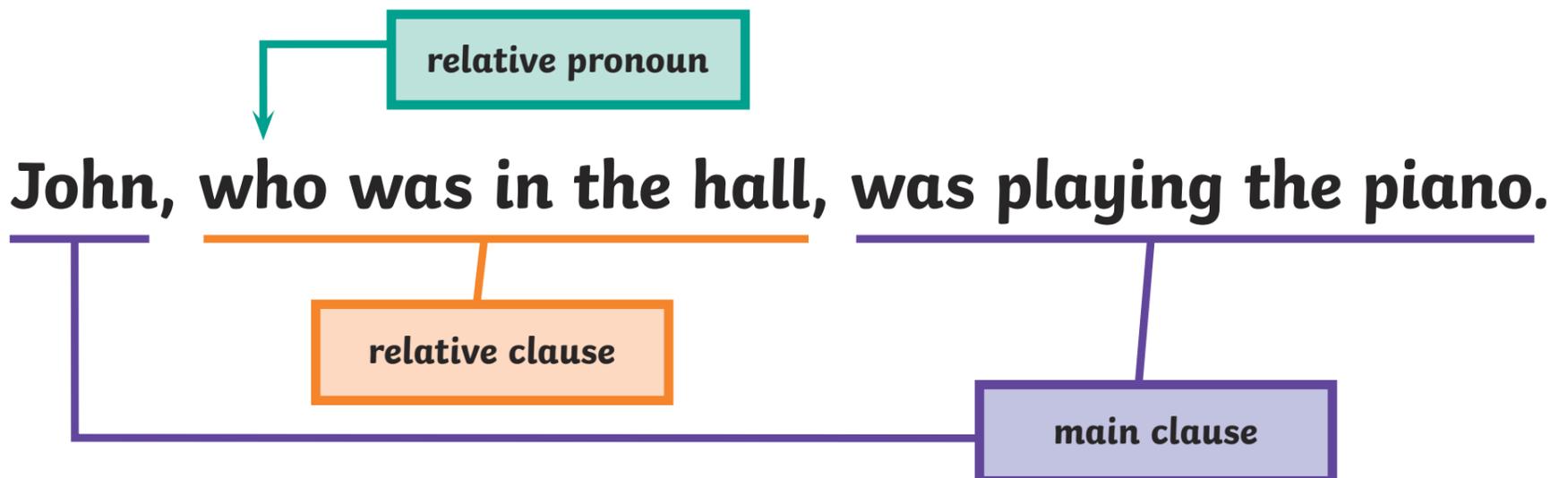


# Relative Clauses



- Relative clauses are a form of subordinate clause.
- Relative clauses add information to a sentence using relative pronouns.
- A relative pronoun (that, who, whom, whose, which) is used at the start of a relative clause. 'Where' is a relative adverb, but it is used in exactly the same way as a relative pronoun.
- A relative clause functions as an adjective, modifying nouns and pronouns.



**There are two types of relative clauses: non-essential and essential.**



**The lamp post, where the girl was standing, was lit.**

The relative clause gives the reader extra information about the lamp post. The information could be removed without changing the meaning of the sentence so it is a non-essential relative clause.

**The lamp post where the girl was standing was lit.**

The relative clause specifies the particular lamp post so it is essential.