Identify the main and subordinate clauses: Worksheet

Read the text and identify the main and subordinate clauses. Underline the main clauses in one colour and the subordinate clauses in another.

As quickly as they could, the children shuffled into the school hall. The headteacher, who was usually a stern figure, looked uncharacteristically relaxed. The children glanced at one another, unsure as to why they were there. Assembly was normally at nine o’clock but this one had been called at half past two in the afternoon. What was going on? Whatever it was, something did not feel right. When everyone was seated, Mrs Li shut the doors. The teachers were seated on either side of the hall, shuffling nervously in their seats. The ticking of the clock was deafening. After what felt like an eternity, the headteacher spoke.

‘Good morning, everyone! I have gathered you into the hall because I have some marvellous news to share...’