



Revision Guides

Clauses in a Sentence

Part - 2



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Introduction

In our previous tutorial we learned that a clause is nothing but a group of words consisting of a subject (often just a single noun) and a predicate (sometimes just a single verb).

And we learned how to recognize a clause in any sentence and their types.

Main Clause (or independent clause)
Subordinate Clause (or dependent clause)
Adjective Clause (or relative clause),
Noun Clause.

In this tutorial we are exploring more about an Adjective Clause.

Adjective Clause

An adjective clause is a multiword adjective that includes a subject and a verb.

When we think of an adjective, we usually think about a single word used before a noun to modify its meanings (e.g., tall building, smelly cat, argumentative assistant).

However, an adjective can also come in the form of an adjective clause. An adjective clause usually comes after the noun it modifies and is made up of several words, which, like all clauses, will include a subject and a verb.

An adjective clause will have these three elements

1. It will start with a relative pronoun

(who, whom, whose, that, or which)

or a relative adverb

(when, where, or why).

This links it to the noun it is modifying.

2. It will have a subject and a verb.

These are what make it a clause.

3. It will tell us something about the noun.

This is why it is a kind of adjective.

Example

Let's try one example -
Look at this sentence below

The man who owns Curious George wears a
yellow hat.

In this sentence,

'who' is a pronoun and the subject of the
adjective clause.

The clause describes 'man', which is the
subject of the main clause 'The man wears a
yellow hat.'

'Owns' is the verb, because it is the action
that 'who' is doing.

Things to Remember

In using an Adjective clause, you need to pay attention to where you are placing it in a sentence.

Always remember to place it as near to the word it modifies as possible.

If you misplace an adjective clause, the resulting sentence would be very unclear.



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