



# Revision Guides

# Clauses in a Sentence



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# Introduction

In our previous tutorial we learned that the main two parts of a sentence are the subject and predicate, with the subject identifying whom or what the sentence is about and the predicate giving more information about the subject.

And 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)

# Why we need them?

A clause is composed of a minimum of a subject and a predicate.

Without one of these elements, the clause is ungrammatical.

How do we recognize a clause in any sentence...

Clauses come in four types:

Main independent clause)

Subordinate or dependent clause)

Adjective relative clause),

Noun Clause.

Every clause has at least one subject and one verb. Other characteristics will help you distinguish one type of clause from another

# Independent Clause

## Independent Clause

An **independent clause** is a group of words that contains a **subject** and a **verb** and expresses a complete thought. It can stand alone as a sentence by itself.

## Example

**Rick** **eats** potato chip

# Dependent Clause or Subordinate Clause

## Dependent Clause

A **dependent clause** is a group of words that contains a **subject** and a **verb** but does not contain a complete thought and cannot stand alone as a sentence by itself.

## Example

**When he is** at a baseball game.

To learn more about the Subordinate clauses, please check and watch the week Eighteen Language tutorial - that explains what do we understand by subordinate clauses and how we use subordinate conjunctions in a sentence.



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