

CLAUSE AND IT'S TYPES

Definition of Clause

A **clause** is a group of words that includes a subject and a verb. Sometimes, it forms a part of a sentence and sometime it makes a simple sentence by itself. A clause may Function as a **noun** or as an **adjectives** or as an **adverb**. If its functions as a **noun**, it is a **noun clause**. If it functions as an **adjective**, it is an **adjective clause**. And if it functions as an **adverb**, it is an adverb clause.

Examples

- I graduated last year. (**One clause sentence**)
- When I came here, I saw him. (**Two clause sentence**)
- When I came here, I saw him, and he greeted me. (**Three clause sentence**)

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Noun Clause

A noun clause is a group of words that contains a subject and a verb of its own and does the function of a noun. In the following sentences, the noun clauses have been underlined.

Examples

- I hope that I will get a job.
- What she says is true.
- My problem is that she does not obey me.

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Adjective Clause

An adjective clause is a group of words that contains a subject and a verb and does the work of an adjectives.

Examples

- The pen that has no cap is mine.
- Ali has a car which is very beautiful.
- The book that I bought yesterday is very interesting.
- The house I own is very beautiful.

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Adverb Clause

An adverb clause is a group of words that contains a subject and a verb and does the work of an adverb. It usually contains a subordinate conjunction that stops it from being a complete thought. Besides this it answers one of the 'adverbs questions': When? Why? How? Where? What?

Examples

- I fought as heroes' fight.
- The path was so rough that I could not walk on it.
- The poor love him because he helps them.
- You may do whatever you want.

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Adverb Clause

A clause which is a meaning sentence itself.

Examples

- I take tea.
- I enjoy sitting by the fireplace and reading.
- Waiting to have my car's oil changed is boring.
- She wants to travel the world and see wonderful sights.
- Our planets revolve around the sun.

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Adverb Clause

This clause must require an object to be completely meaningful.

Examples

- **“If you worked hard”**

This is a dependent clause; we must have to add a dependent clause to completely define it.

e.g.

- **If you work hard, you will pass.**