

A stack of white papers with blue lines, slightly blurred, set against a light blue background.A close-up of a clock face with black numbers and hands, set against a purple and blue background.

Clauses: Independent & Dependent

A stack of white papers with blue lines, slightly blurred, set against a light green background.A close-up of a clock face with black numbers and hands, set against a yellow and orange background.

Adverb & Adjective

Clauses

- Independent (main): expresses a complete thought and can stand by itself as a sentence
- Ex: Ms. Santana works in a law office in downtown Concord.
- Dependent (subordinate): does not express a complete thought and cannot stand by itself as a sentence
- Ex: When you arrive at the airport in Dallas, call us.



A vertical stack of four images on the left side of the slide. From top to bottom: a clock with a blue face and black hands on a red background; a clock with a yellow face and black hands on a blue background; a stack of books with a green cover on a yellow background; and a stack of books with a blue cover on a red background.

Independent OR Dependent

- therefore, we made the sandwiches
- since we had no peanut butter left
- nevertheless, Dad knew the way
- even though Mother kept reminding him
- the park warden reminded us of the bear problem
- the night was darker than ever
- which was flooding to a dangerous level
- finally, we saw the mother bear

Parts of Speech

Adjective:

Used in
describing,
identifying, or
quantifying a
noun or
pronoun

Usually precedes
the noun which
it modifies

Adverb:

Modifies verbs,
adjectives, other
adverbs,
phrases, &
clauses

Five categories:
manner, time,
frequency,
degree, and
place



Adjective Clauses

- Used to describe a noun
- Usually introduced by a relative pronoun: who, whom, which, that



Two kinds of adjective clauses

Non-defining clauses

- Provides extra information about the noun (not essential to the sentence).
- The desk in the corner, which is covered in books, is mine.

Defining clauses

- Provides essential information about the noun (essential to the sentence)
- The package that arrived this morning is on the desk.



Adverb Clauses

- A dependent (subordinate) clause that modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb
- Always begins with a subordinating conjunction
- Tells when, where, how, or why
- The elevator will not move unless both doors are closed.



Let's Practice

Locate the clause and classify it.

- Sarah is decorating a house that Hans designed.
- Melissa has a dog which follows her everywhere.
- We keep our bread in the fridge, so that it doesn't go bad.
- The man, who was sick, looked very pale.
- The five-cent coin looks very Canadian, since it has a picture of a beaver on it.
- After you have beaten the eggs, slowly add the dry ingredients.
- A tire blew out as the jet taxied to the runway.
- She gave the man an injection that made him go to sleep.

