

# Parts of Speech and Usage

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## Section Objectives:

- Students will be able to identify and properly use parts of speech in written and spoken communication.
- Practice the behaviors of effective, active listeners.
- Students will be able to identify literary and stylistic elements such as imagery, irony, tone and point of view and explain how they create meaning in a story.

## Adverb Clauses

Adverb clauses are dependent clauses that act as adverbs. They answer the questions **when, where, why, how and to what extent**.

The whole adverb clause can also modify the predicate in the independent clause or the whole independent clause.

Adverb clauses are introduced by subordinate conjunctions, such as **after, although, as, as if, as long as, as though, because, before, if, in order that, provided that, since, so that, than, though, unless, until, when, whenever, where, wherever, whether, and while**.

## Examples:

Dependent Clause	Independent Clause
<u>When you came through the door,</u>	Andy cheered.
Introd S    P    (Tells When)	
Word	
(Tells When)	

Dependent Clause	Independent Clause
<u>If you refuse to answer,</u>	you will lose three points.
Introd S    P	
Word	
(Tells to What Extent)	

Independent Clause	Dependent Clause
We could not begin	<u>until the music started.</u>
Introd        S        P	
word	
(Tells When)	

**Punctuation:** All introductory adverbial clauses are followed by a comma if the adverb clause comes at the beginning of the sentence. If the adverb clause comes at the end of the sentence, no punctuation is used.

## *Practice Adverb Clauses*

Directions: Underline the adverb clause.

Use all capitals for the subordinate conjunction.

Boldface the subject.

Italicize the predicate.

Explain what the adverb clause tells. (How, when, etc.)

1. Until the wind changes, we will not be able to start.
2. We will not be here after you leave.
3. As we rounded the corner, we could see the form.
4. If you think you are right, prove your theory.
5. You will have to go last because you are younger.
6. Before we started, we checked the gas.
7. We left although it was early.
8. Never touch anything electrical while you are showering.
9. Since you did not make an outline, you have little organization.
10. I have to assign you detention even though you are my friend.

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## *Growth Activities*

1. Try writing your own adverb clauses in your compositions.