

Parts of Speech and Usage

Section Objectives:

- Speaking and listening: Apply active listening skills by listening to a segment about clauses and commas.
- Grammar: Review rules for independent and dependent clauses.

Grammar

The Differences Between Phrases And Clauses

Phrase: A group of words that do not have a subject-predicate combination.

Example: after the game

PREP OP

No Subject

No Predicate

Dependent (Subordinate) Clause: A group of words that have a subject-predicate combination with no complete thought and that have an introductory word.

Example: after we left the game

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WORD

Introductory Word: After

Subject: We

Predicate: Left

Independent Clause: A group of words that have a subject-predicate combination with a complete thought with no introductory word.

Example: We left the game.

S P

No Introductory Word

Subject: We

Predicate: Left

Independent Clauses

An independent clause is simply a simple sentence.

Jack withdrew his help.

S P

Without his help, Susan refused to do her part.

S P

To be there for him, his father quit his job.

S P

Three Dependent (Subordinate) Clauses

Dependent clauses must be attached to an independent clause.

There are **three kinds** of dependent clauses: **adverb, adjective, and noun**.

Practice: Phrases, Dependent Clauses, Independent Clauses

Directions: Identify each group of words as phrases, dependent clauses, or independent clauses.

1. Because Mitch forgot his book.
2. Because of Mitch's angry personality.
3. Mitch was angry for over a month.
4. Whichever one you want.
5. When fighting the fire, two firemen were taken to the hospital.
6. Before the game and after the first five announcements.
7. At last, as I painted my house.
8. Finally, Pete decided to quit his job and find another job.
9. Stop.
10. Where did you put that book?

Growth Activities

1. Identify the phrases, the dependent clauses and the independent clauses in your own writing.