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clauses

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A clause is a group of words that includes a subject and a verb.

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Every complete sentence must have at least one clause (a subject and predicate).

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independent clause

An independent clause is a clause that can stand on its own and expresses a complete thought.

- Jim reads a book.
- Patrick looks at the sky.
- Joelle works overnight at the hospital.

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dependent clause

A dependent clause is a clause that does not express a complete thought. It *depends* on an independent clause to make the sentence whole.

- Because he was bored, Jim reads a book.
- Patrick looks at the sky even if it's dark outside.
- Although it's not easy, Joelle works overnight at the hospital.

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4 sentence types

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- Simple
- Compound
- Complex
- Compound-Complex

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simple sentence

A sentence made up of one independent clause.

- The fire burned slowly.
- Chocolate is always a good gift.

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compound sentence

A sentence made up of two or more independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction.

independent clause

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Nathan needed to study, so he went to the library.

**Coordinating conjunctions don't count as part of the clause.*

Remember your coordinating conjunctions:

- FANBOYS
- For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So

independent clause

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Pumpkin pie is delicious, but pecan pie is better.

coordinating conjunction

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compound sentence

Two independent clauses can also come together with a semicolon.

independent clause

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The first ukuleles were not for anyone; they were a sign of a Hawaiian royal.

independent clause

Severe cases of dehydration can become a life-threatening emergency; you should drink a lot of water when it's hot outside.

independent clause

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complex sentence

A sentence made up of an independent clause joined by one or more dependent clauses.

dependent clause

independent clause

After eating lunch in the cafeteria, Tim walked to gym class.

To connect independent and dependent clauses, you need subordinating conjunctions.

independent clause

dependent clause

I prefer to eat popcorn while I watch a movie.

subordinating conjunction

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subordinating conjunctions

There are so many subordinating conjunctions, there's not a simple acronym to remember them.
Here are a few examples:

After	Because	Wherever
Once	Since	Even though
Until	Where	Whether
Although	Before	If
Provided that	So that	Though
When	Whereas	While
Which	Even if	In order to
Whenever	By the time	Unless

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compound-complex sentence

A sentence which has two independent clauses and at least one dependent clause.

dependent clause

After the football game was over,

independent clause

the players returned to the locker room,

independent clause

and the coach congratulated them.

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practice: Identify if the underlined clause is independent (i) or dependent (d).

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2. In order to get hired at the mall, you have to fill out an application.
3. Halloween is my favorite holiday, although Christmas is a close second, and Thanksgiving is pretty fun too.
4. I cannot drink milk without cookies.
5. Earth is the only place in the known universe confirmed to host life unless there are aliens we don't know about.
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1. Oranges are the largest citrus fruit in the world, and orange juice is the most popular fruit juice in America.
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3. I enjoy spicy food; I can even eat ghost peppers.
4. If you order pizza from Tony's, you should get pepperoni and meatball.
5. My dog gets her hair cut once a month.
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5. Bianca and Juan speak Spanish with their parents.
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Part 2: Circle the coordinating conjunction in the following sentences.

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2. Henry wants to play basketball, or he wants to play football.
3. Justin wouldn't apologize to his sister, nor would he admit he was wrong.
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5. Missy finished the race with a smile, for she was proud of what she accomplished.
6. The laundry was still drying, so I had to wear something else.

Part 3: Circle the subordinating conjunction in the following sentences.

1. Since joining the volleyball league, I have really improved my skills.
2. We should leave for the airport before it's too late.
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Part 4: Identify if the underlined clause is independent (i) or dependent (d) by marking it on the line.

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