

## Clauses

A clause is a combination of words that makes up a sentence. It consists of a subject and a predicate. It can also be said that a clause should have a subject and a [verb](#).

### Types of Clauses

According to how a clause behaves in a sentence, they can be classified into two types. They are:

- **Main Clause or Independent Clause** – A [main clause](#) is a group of words with a subject and a verb. It is one that can stand alone and makes complete sense. That is why it is called an independent clause.

### Examples of Independent Clauses

1. **I know how to drive a car**, but I enjoy riding bikes.
  2. When I met you, **I did not think we would get this close**.
  3. **It was my sister's birthday yesterday**; however, she did not want to celebrate.
- **Subordinate Clause or Dependent Clause** – A [subordinate clause](#) is a group of words that consists of a subject, a verb and a [subordinating conjunction](#) or a [relative pronoun](#). Unlike main clauses, subordinate clauses cannot stand alone or convey complete meaning when taken separately from the sentence it is a part of. Dependent clauses can be divided into types based on their function. The types of dependent clauses are noun clauses, [adjective clauses](#), [adverb clauses](#), conditional clauses.

### Examples of Dependent Clauses

- **After we reached home**, we watched a movie.
- Everybody knows the boy **who won the Best Outgoing Student Award**.
- My mom asked me to call her **as soon as I boarded the bus**.
- **While we were waiting at the bus stop**, we saw a monkey snatching a snack from a little boy.
- **Though Malcom did not find the movie interesting**, he stayed until the end of the movie.

**Q1. Identify the clauses in the following sentences and state whether they are independent or dependent clauses.**

1. Naomi's mother was out of town, so she took care of everyone at home.
2. I could not study as the lights went out.
3. Since she was absent for over a month, she found it hard to catch up with all that was going on at the office.
4. If you are not able to do it yourself, please feel free to take help from anyone here.
5. Have some pancakes in case you are hungry.
6. She is taller than my brother.

7. I am going to the reception even if you are not coming.
8. Rahman likes songs that are melodious.
9. Although I did not get much sleep last night, I don't feel tired at all.
10. In addition to your SAT exam preparations, you should also prepare for the interview.

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