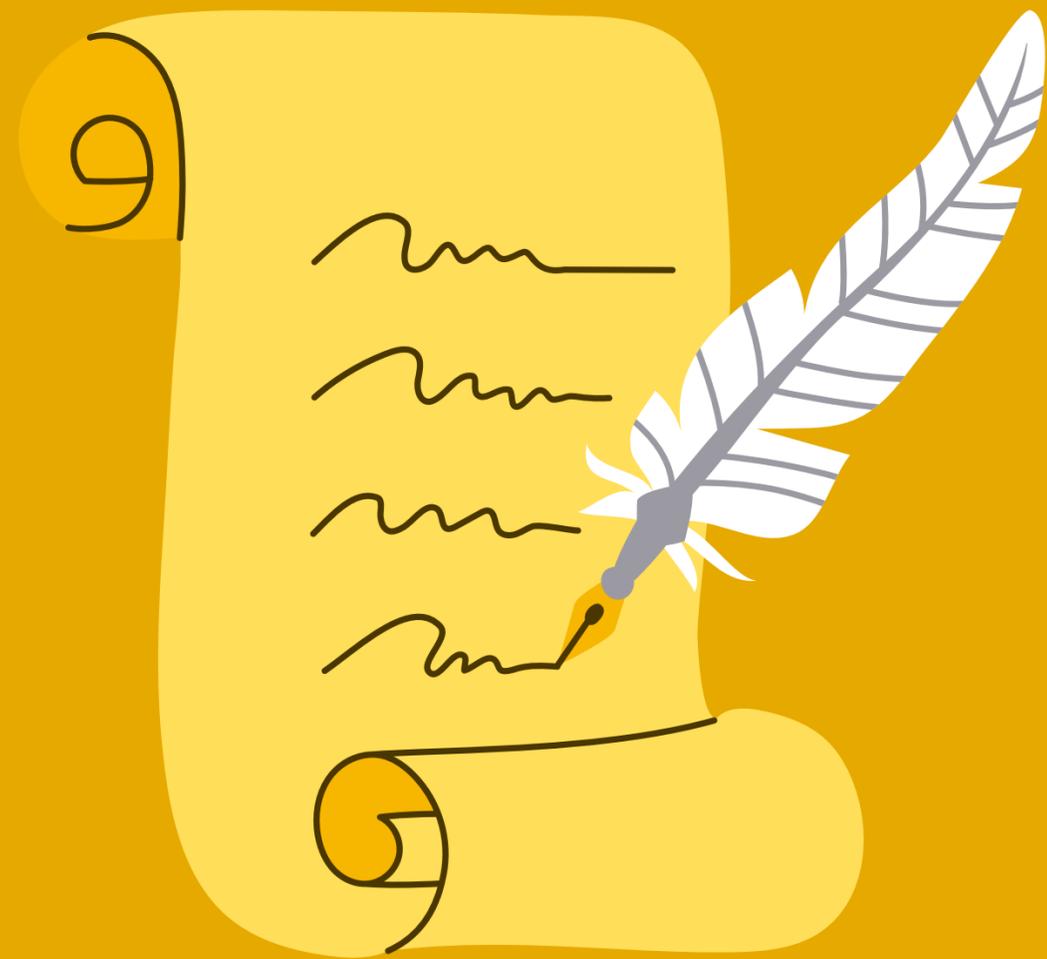


Sentence structure



Clauses

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Clauses

A clause is a group of words that **contains both a subject and a verb.** Sometimes, it can stand alone as a complete sentence, and sometimes it needs to depend on a main sentence.



Two main types of clauses

1

Independent Clause

A clause that can stand alone as a complete sentence and express a complete thought.



Two main types of clauses

2

Dependent Clause

A clause that has a subject and a verb, but cannot stand alone. It depends on the main clause.



Dependent Clause

1. Noun Clause

➤ begins with a subordinating conjunction

What she said surprised everyone.

I don't know where he went.

The truth is that he was shy.



Dependent Clause

2. Adjective Clause / Relative Clause

➤ begins with a relative pronoun

The girl who won the contest is my sister.

He is a man whom I met two days ago.

The house whose walls were made of wood is mine.



➤ **begins with a relative adverb**

I still remember the day when we first met.

The house where she lives is very big.

I don't know the reason why she's upset.



Adjective Clause / Relative Clause

 **Defining clause**  **essential information,
no commas used**

The student **who answered my question** is Tom.

I gave a tip to a bellboy **who carried my luggage**.

The boy **who is wearing a red shirt** is my brother.



Adjective Clause / Relative Clause



Non-defining clause



**extra information,
use commas**

Paris, which is the capital of France, is very beautiful.

My brother, who lives in Canada, is coming to visit.

My father, who loves gardening, grows roses in the backyard.



Dependent Clause

3. Adverb Clause

- **An adverb clause is a dependent clause that acts like an adverb, modifying a verb, adjective, or another adverb.**
- **begins with a subordinating conjunction**



1

Adverb clause of **time**

when, while, until,
since, as, before,
after, as soon as

While I was walking home, it started to rain.

I will leave before he comes.

I haven't seen her since we left school.

They stayed here until they finished their work.

2

Adverb clause of **place**

{ **where, wherever,**
everywhere, }

He sat where he could see the view.

I will follow you everywhere you go.

Wherever she travels, she always takes her camera.

3 Adverb clause of purpose

so that,
in order that,
for the purpose that

She studies hard so that she can pass the exam.

I speak slowly in order that everyone can understand me.

She practices English for the purpose that she can study abroad.

4

Adverb clause of **manner**

as, like,

as if, as though

As he said, we need to be careful.

This meat isn't cooked like I want it.

He was trembling as if he had seen a ghost.

He looked at me as though I had done something wrong.

5

Adverb clause of reason

because, since,
as, now that, due
to the fact that

She stayed at home because she was sick.

Since it was raining, we canceled the picnic.

As you're here early, let's start the meeting.

Now that you're here, we can start.

The event was postponed due to the fact that it was raining.

6

Adverb clause of result

so...adj./adv...that
such...n....that

He was so tired that he fell asleep in class.

The soup is so hot that I can't eat it.

It was such a difficult exam that many students failed.

It was such a good movie that I watched it twice.

7

Adverb clause of comparison

{ **as... adj./adv. ...as**
adj./adv. + er/ more + than }

This book is as good **as that book (is).**

My sister plays tennis **as well as I (do).**

My house is smaller **than yours (is).**

She spends **more than she earns.**

8

Adverb clause of condition

{ if, unless, as long as,
in case }

If you study hard, you will pass the test.

You will be late unless you leave now.

Call me in case you get lost.

We'll go on a picnic as long as it doesn't rain.

9

Adverb clause of concession

although, though,
even though, while,
whereas

Although she was tired, she finished her homework.

Though it was cold, they didn't wear jackets.

He passed the test even though he didn't study.

While cats like to be alone, dogs love being with people.

Whereas cats are independent, dogs are loyal and social.

