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Independent vs. Dependent Clauses

What is the different between a clause and a phrase? A clause has a **subject and a verb**. A phrase is a string of words **without a subject and verb.**

What is an independent clause? A clause (it has a subject and a verb) that can stand on its own. It is a complete sentence and makes sense alone.

Example: Jim ran to the store.

What is a dependent clause? A clause (it has a subject and a verb) that cannot stand alone. It does not make sense until an Independent Clause is attached.

Example: Because Jim ran to the store… (Can you hear how it sounds incomplete? You are waiting to hear the rest of the sentence.)

* An independent clause also has a subordinating conjunction. Here is an acronym to remember subordinating conjunctions.
* AAAWWUBBIS
* After
* Although
* As
* When
* While
* Until
* Before
* Because
* If
* Since

If you see one of these words (or words similar to these ones) AND it has a subject and a verb, it is a dependent clause.

What is a prepositional phrase? A phrase (it doesn’t have a subject or verb) that starts with a prepositional and ends with the object of the preposition, or a noun.

Example: on the house

\*Now go do the practice worksheet to see if you can tell the difference between the three!