



Clauses: Notes

What are Clauses?

- A phrase that **contains a verb** and **sometimes a noun**, and can **sometimes stand on its own**.

What are the types of clauses?

- **Independent Clauses**
- **Dependent Clauses**
 - **Adjective Clauses**
 - **Noun Clauses**
 - **Adverb Clauses**

How do you identify each type of clause?

- **Independent Clauses**
 - Independent Clauses can **be sentences by themselves, as they express complete thoughts**.
 - They have a **subject and a predicate**.
 - Example: **The store ran out of the item quickly.**
 - This is an independent clause because the rest of the sentence could be “...because supplies were low.”
 - The rest of the sentence is not necessary to make the independent clause make sense.
- **Dependent Clauses** - These three types of clauses can't stand on their own as sentences, as they are not complete thoughts.
 - **Adjective Clauses**
 - **Explain nouns or pronouns in a sentence**
 - Example: The person **who lives next door** is really nice.
 - Phrase “who lives next door” explains person
 - **Noun Clauses**
 - **Takes the place of a subject or object in a sentence**
 - Example: **Whoever wins the competition** will win a trophy.
 - “Whoever wins the competition” is the noun because we don't exactly know who that is right now.
 - **Adverb Clauses**
 - **Modifies the verb in a complex sentence**
 - Example: **If Sam calls**, tell him that I am busy right now.
 - “If Sam calls” says what to tell Sam if he calls