

Independent and Dependent Clauses

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To understand the difference between a dependent and independent clause you need to know what a subject is, what a verb is and what a clause is.

Clause: A group of words put together as part or all of a sentence.

Verb: doing word

Subject: The subject in the sentence is the noun (person, place or thing)

I love you.

Don't eat that pinecone.

Subject

Verb

Independent Clause

An independent clause is a clause that can stand by itself as a sentence.

It is also known as a simple sentence.

An independent clause, like all clauses, has a subject and a process.

subject



I washed my hair yesterday.



process



This is an independent clause because it expresses a complete thought that can stand alone.

Dependent Clause

A dependent clause does not express a complete thought, so it cannot stand alone as a sentence.

It is also known as a subordinate clause.

A dependent clause, like all clauses, has a subject and a process.



This is a dependent clause because it needs the independent clause to provide meaning, so it cannot stand alone.

Watch the video below to learn more about
independent and dependent clauses

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This sentence is made up of two clauses. One makes a sentence on its own (independent clause), one needs another clause to make sense (dependent clause).

The doorbell rang while we were eating dinner.

Makes sentence on its own
(independent clause)

The doorbell rang

Needs the first clause to make
sense (dependent clause)

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Needs the first clause to make sense (dependant clause)

Makes sentence on it's own (independent clause)

We are going on an excursion

unless it is raining.

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You will need to water the garden today

because it is very hot.

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sense (dependant clause)

By the roadside,

I waited for the bus to pick me up.

Read each of the clauses below and decide if they are dependent or independent. Move each clause under the correct heading.

Independent Clause

Dependent Clause

but it was too long

even though I don't want to.

I am bringing my sister along

The movie was good

Finish off these sentences by adding a dependent clause. Remember, a dependent clause cannot stand alone as a separate sentence.

It is a cold day today because

The girl pulled out all the weeds in the garden so

The footballer broke his leg whilst