

A clause is a collection of words that make up sentences, which consists of a subject and a predicate. A subject is the object/human/animal, and the predicate is the action that it performs, e.g., 'the cat sat down'. The cat is the subject, and 'sat down' is the predicate because that is the action. There are three main types of clauses: independent, dependent, and drop-in clauses. An independent clause is a sentence that can stand alone by itself and still make sense because it has a subject and a predicate, e.g., 'Jack plays soccer'.

A dependent clause is a sentence that can't stand alone by itself because it doesn't make sense on its own, e.g., 'Although confiscated'. When an independent and dependent clause are put together, it makes a complex/ compound sentence. The dependent clause can go anywhere in the sentence, front, back, middle. To join an independent clause and a dependent clause together you need to use either a comma or a FANBOY (for, and, not, but, or, yet, so) at the joining point of the independent clause and dependent clause.

A drop-in clause (also known as an embedded or subordinate clause) is a clause that is 'dropped in' the middle of another clause. It adds more information to the clause. When writing these, you must include commas before and after the drop-in clause. For example, a drop in-clause would be, "The man, **terrified of being late for lunch**, sped through the traffic in his car." You can see that the commas are included, and the drop-in clause adds more information to the sentence.

Now that you know about clauses, try these questions. (write answers in exercise book):

# CLAUSES

## QUESTIONS:

- 1- Describe the difference between a dependent clause and an independent clause?
- 2- How do you join an independent clause with a dependent clause?
- 3- Is this a dependent clause / independent clause / independent and dependent clause or none of the options above: Charlie went to the art gallery today.
- 4- What is a drop-in clause
- 5- What must you include before and after a drop-in clause?

6- What does the drop-in clause do to the sentence it is 'dropped' into?

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