

Phrases and Clauses

What is a phrase?

Waiting for responses ...



What is a clause?

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Examples:

a very nice house (**noun phrase**)

went to town (**verb phrase**)

on the floor (**prepositional phrase**)

before the show (**adverbial phrase of time**)

very old (**adjective phrase**)

taking him at face value (**present participle phrase**)

Caught out by the change (**past participle phrase**)

Examples of phrases

Phrases

A phrase is a group of words that:

- Does **not** express a complete thought
- Does **not** contain a subject-verb combination

Independent Clauses:

I will arrive at 5 o'clock

He didn't take the opportunity to apply for the job

The political situation in the country is terrible

Dependent Clauses:

When the bus arrives... (adverb clause)

...that we should not go (noun clause)

...which was not very easy (relative clause)

Clauses

A clause is a group of words that:

- Contains both a **subject** and a **verb**
- Can convey a **complete thought**

Clauses that express a complete thought are **independent clauses**. **Dependent clauses** do not express a complete thought, but they still contain a subject and verb.

Phrases and clauses are key parts of building sentences. Both are groups of words that make up sentences but they are formed in different ways and have different functions.

Choose the correct answer

They work hard to achieve the goal.



Before next class on Monday



If I need to pass the exam



My brother's car is not working.



Towards the canteen



Jumping up and down on the bed



Jumping up and down on the bed might hurt your leg.



Across the street from IIITDM



Whenever it gets warm



Whenever it gets warm, we can switch on the AC.

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Phrase	Clause
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