

Clause and Phrase

Clause

- A **clause** is a group of words containing a subject and verb.

Types of Clause

1. Independent clause

An **independent clause** is a simple sentence. It can stand on its own.

Examples:

She is hungry.

I am feeling well today.

2. Dependent Clause:

A **dependent clause** cannot stand on its own. It needs an independent clause to complete a sentence. Dependent clauses often begin with such words as ***although, since, if, when, and because***.

Examples:

Although she is hungry ...

Whoever is hungry ...

Because I am feeling well ...

Dependent

Independent

Although she is hungry,

she will give him some of her food.

Whatever they decide,

I will agree to.

Phrase:

- A **phrase** is a group of words without a subject-verb component, used as a single part of speech.

Examples:

Best friend

Needing help

With the blue shirt

For twenty days

Conclusion:

If the combination of words contains a subject and a verb, then it is regarded as a clause, otherwise, it is called as a phrase.