**DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CLAUSE AND A SENTENCE:**

Generally a clause is a group of words which make complete sense (that is, it has a subject and predicate) but is a part of larger sentence. It may be a sentence within a sentence.

But in some cases clause might or might not be a sentence to give a complete thought..

**CLAUSES IN COMPOUND SENTENCES(Independent nature):**

A compound sentence is a type of sentence which has two or more main ideas or two or more independent clauses i.e. Co-ordinate clauses that follows main clause and can stand as an independent sentence.

Let take some examples:

In the following sentences. .

* 'I can't cook very well but I make quite good omelettes’.

both 'I can't cook very well' and 'I make quite good omelettes’ are main/independent clauses as they are of equal importance and could each exist as a separate sentence.

* ‘They are happy while we are sad’.

Both clauses ‘They are happy’ and ‘We are sad’ are independent and can exist as complete sentences giving complete thought.

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**CLAUSES IN COMPLEX SENTENCES(Dependent nature):**

A complex sentence has one main idea and one or more dependent ideas or we can say that it has one main clause or one or more dependent clauses i.e. Subordinate clauses that are linked to the main clause and cannot exist as a separate sentence delivering a complete thought..

Let take some examples:

In the following sentences. .

* ‘They climbed the mountain whose height they did not know.’

In this sentence ‘whose height they did not know’ is a subordinate/dependent clause that is linked to the main part of the sentence and could not exist as a separate sentence.

* ‘The students play happily as the teachers sit around which is a pleasant sight.’

Here the part of sentence ‘which is a pleasant sight’ is a subordinate clause and cannot exist as a separate sentence.

**FINAL CONCLUSION**:

So it is concluded that the subordinate clause does not give a complete thought and sense and cannot stand alone as a sentence and that is what where difference between a clause and a sentence lies.