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The Adverb Clause

Recognize an *adverb clause* when you see one.

An adverb clause will meet three requirements:

- First, it will contain a subject and verb.
- You will also find a subordinate conjunction that keeps the clause from expressing a complete thought.
- Finally, you will notice that the clause answers one of these three adverb questions: *How? When? or Why?*

Read these examples:

Tommy scrubbed the bathroom tile until his arms ached.

How did Tommy scrub? *Until his arms ached*, an adverb clause.

Josephine's three cats bolted from the driveway once they saw her car turn the corner.

When did the cats bolt? **Once they saw her car turn the corner**, an adverb clause.

After her appointment at the orthodontist, Danielle cooked eggs for dinner because she could easily chew an omelet.

Why did Danielle cook eggs? **Because she could easily chew an omelet**, an adverb clause.



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