

# DEPENDENT AND INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

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Types of clauses	Definition	Example	Notes
Independent clause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A complete sentence that expresses a full thought.</li><li>It can stand alone.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>She went to the market.</li><li>I enjoy reading books.</li><li>I am fine.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It Has a subject and a verb.</li><li>It forms a complete idea.</li><li>It can be joined with coordinating conjunctions: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so</li></ul>
Dependent clause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>An incomplete sentence that cannot stand alone.</li><li>It depends on the main clause to make sense.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>While crossing the bridge</b>, the cyclist saw a swan.</li><li><b>As the sun set</b>, the sky turned orange.</li><li>Close the window <b>before you leave</b>.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It often begins with subordinating conjunctions (because, although, when, if, etc.).</li><li>It needs an independent clause to complete the meaning.</li></ul>
	Types of dependent clauses	adverbial clauses/relative clauses/nominal clauses	