

Clauses

A clause is a group of words with a subject and a predicate. An **independent clause** is a complete sentence and expresses a complete thought.

The dog is friendly.

The friendly dog has spots.



A dependent or subordinate clause has a subject and a verb, but it does not express a complete thought. A clause can function as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb in a sentence.

When the dog saw us, he wagged his tail.

I said hello to him because I love all dogs.

DIRECTIONS: Underline the dependent clause in each sentence.

1. We knocked although we knew you were sleeping.
2. Before I forget, I have some news to share with you.
3. We took a walk after we finished eating.
4. If you have the energy, we can hike later.
5. This is the man whose coat we found.
6. Wherever you go, there you are.