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CLAUSES

A **clause** is a group of words that has both a subject and a verb. An **independent clause** has a subject and a verb and can stand by itself as a sentence. A **dependent**, or **subordinate**, **clause** has a subject and a verb, but it cannot stand alone as a complete sentence. The following chart shows several kinds of clauses.

CLAUSE	ABOUT THE CLAUSE	EXAMPLE
Independent clause	• Can stand by itself as a sentence	When she heard the news, she was delighted.
Adverb clause	• Acts as an adverb • Begins with a subordinating conjunction such as *if*, *although*, *when*, or *because*	The trip was pleasant because we took our time.
Relative clause	• Acts as an adjective • Usually begins with a relative pronoun, such as *who*, *whom*, *whose*, *which*, or *that*	Her writing is the kind that critics adore.
Noun clause	• Acts as a noun • Begins with a word such as *what*, *whatever*, *when*, *where*, *why*, or *how*	Whatever the town decides about the zoning, we will finish construction.

In a sentence with two or more clauses, you may need a comma between the clauses. For instance, you usually need a comma between an adverb clause and an independent clause.

Identify each underlined clause by writing *IND* for independent clause or *SUB* for subordinate clause=dependent clause.

1. _____ Until the Spanish came along, the Inca had a large empire.
2. _____ The Inca were skilled engineers who built vast networks of roads.
3. _____ If they cooperated with the Inca, local leaders could stay in power.
4. _____ That is what is at risk, the ability to buy a large soda.
5. _____ Do we really need a ban on soda, when people can make their own decisions?
6. _____ Some say the ban on soda could lead to worse laws, so we must be careful.
7. _____ I agree that banning large-size sodas is a good idea.
8. _____ Even if it is for good reasons, some people do not like the idea of a ban.

Identify each underlined clause and choose if it is adverb clause, relative clause or noun clause

9. _____ Lena is not responsible for what her brother decided to do.
10. _____ Kangaroos are in the macropod family, which also includes wallabies.
11. _____ Since he was working late, Michael ate dinner at his office.
12. _____ After the icebreakers open the channel, the ships can pass through.
13. _____ The man whose car is outside will be happy
14. _____ The book that you mentioned is no longer in print.
15. ____ He knows that I am a teacher.

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