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CLAUSES

A clause is a sentence that forms part of a larger sentence.

- The boys went home *when the school was over*.
- He told me *that he wanted some money*.
- My friend helped me *when I was in danger*.

We can see that the above sentences have two parts. The italicised parts do not sound complete and they depend on the other part. So we can see that the italicised clauses are Dependent Clauses or subordinate clauses. The rest part i.e the clause that can stand independently are called Main or Principle Clauses.

KINDS OF SUBORDINATE CLAUSES

There are three kinds of subordinate clauses

- Adverb Clause
- Adjective Clause
- Noun Clause

Adverb Clause

An adverb clause is a group of words which contain a subject and a predicate of its own, and does the work of an adverb.

- The child cried *when it saw the dog*.
- My younger brother is taller *than I am*.

Hence , adverb clause modifies how, when, why

TRIGGER WORDS USED

After, although, as because before even if ,rather than,unless ,until, whenever,whether etc

Adjective Clause



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An adjective clause is a group of words which contains a subject and predicate of its own and does the work of an adjective.

Geeta gave Ashok a belt which is made of leather.

In the above sentence the noun 'belt' is being described .The noun being described is called the antecedent. Note that adjective clause begins with a relative pronoun.

Trigger words used

Who, which, whose, that

NOUN CLAUSE

A Noun Clause is a group of words which contain a subject and a predicate of its own and does the work of a noun

I hope that I shall get the amount.

The group of words 'that I shall get the amount' contains the subject and predicate of its own. It is therefore a clause. The clause is the object of the verb hope, and so does the work of a noun. Therefore it is a Noun Clause



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