

# Adjective, Adverb, and Noun Clauses #2

Clauses are grammatical units that contain both a subject and a predicate. Dependent clauses can serve any of three functions in a sentence.



A **noun clause** functions as a noun in the sentence, often as the subject or the object of the verb.

<p><b><u>What my cat loves</u> is sunbathing on the windowsill.</b> The noun clause <i>what my cat loves</i> serves as the subject of the sentence.</p>	<p><b>Isaac believed <u>that the kitten was hiding under the bed</u>.</b> The noun clause <i>that the kitten was hiding under the bed</i> serves as the object of the verb <i>believed</i>.</p>
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An **adjective clause** functions as an adjective in the sentence by modifying a noun or pronoun.

<p><b>The butterfly <u>that I saw in the painting</u> was colorful.</b> The adjective clause <i>that I saw in the painting</i> gives more information about the noun <i>butterfly</i>.</p>	<p><b>Anyone <u>who has a blue ticket</u> can enter the garden.</b> The adjective clause <i>who has a blue ticket</i> gives more information about the pronoun <i>anyone</i>.</p>
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An **adverb clause** functions as an adverb in the sentence by telling when, where, why, how, how much, or under what condition the situation in the sentence is taking place.

<p><b><u>Shortly after the foal was born</u>, it stood up.</b> The adverb clause <i>shortly after the foal was born</i> tells when the verb <i>stood</i> is taking place.</p>	<p><b>The horses grazed <u>wherever they could find grass</u>.</b> The adverb clause <i>wherever they could find grass</i> tells where the verb <i>grazed</i> is taking place.</p>
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**Directions: Write whether the underlined words are an adjective clause, an adverb clause, or a noun clause.**

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| 1 <u>What's distracting me</u> is the squirrel right outside the classroom window!  | <u>noun clause</u>      |
| 2 Any big dog <u>who bothers the little dogs</u> will need to leave the dog park.   | <u>adjective clause</u> |
| 3 The leopard tortoise trudged through the mud <u>until it was too tired to continue</u> .                                    | <u>adverb clause</u>    |
| 4 I love reading historical fiction stories by Joey Johns, <u>whose latest graphic novel was fast paced and suspenseful</u> . | <u>adjective clause</u> |
| 5 <u>Whoever shoveled the sidewalk during the winter storm</u> deserves a warm blanket and a cup of hot chocolate.            | <u>noun clause</u>      |
| 6 Sasha built a fence to protect her orchard from the deer <u>that like to munch on her apple trees</u> .                     | <u>adjective clause</u> |
| 7 My brother Terrance, <u>who volunteers at the animal shelter</u> , brought home a ten-week-old puppy.                       | <u>adjective clause</u> |
| 8 Mayor Gomez announced <u>that everyone was invited to attend the Lilac Festival this upcoming weekend</u> .                 | <u>noun clause</u>      |
| 9 I watched a dozen baking videos <u>so that I could bake a perfect loaf of bread</u> .                                       | <u>adverb clause</u>    |
| 10 Hector plans to visit every baseball stadium in the United States <u>before he turns thirty years old</u> .                | <u>adverb clause</u>    |