

Adjective, Adverb, and Noun Clauses #1

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.

Whoever made this pie is an amazing baker.

The noun clause *whoever made this pie* serves as the subject of the sentence.

Now I know what dessert I want for every holiday.

The noun clause *what dessert I want for every holiday* serves as the object of the verb *know*.

An **adjective clause** functions as an adjective in the sentence by modifying a noun or pronoun.

My friends who live in Peru are here for a visit.

The adjective clause *who live in Peru* gives more information about the noun *friends*.

The thing that I miss most about Peru is the food.

The adjective clause *that I miss most* gives more information about the noun *thing*.

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.

When summer arrived, we went on a camping trip.

The adverb clause *when summer arrived* tells when the verb *went* is taking place.

We pitched our tent where the ground was flat.

The adverb clause *where the ground was flat* tells where the verb *pitched* is taking place.

Directions: Write whether the underlined words are an adjective clause, an adverb clause, or a noun clause.

- 1 The rollercoaster that we rode yesterday was named the most thrilling in the country. adjective clause
- 2 Whatever you want for dinner is fine with me, as long as it's not seafood. noun clause
- 3 I plan to build my dream house where I can be surrounded by nature. adverb clause
- 4 The person who owns the ranch is offering free horse rides in exchange for help painting the barn. adjective clause
- 5 Amelia and Parker watched the meteor shower until the sun came up. adverb clause
- 6 As the first bell rang, I realized that I didn't know where my first class was. noun clause
- 7 Amal stared at the painting as if she had never seen anything so beautiful. adverb clause
- 8 How Priya managed to pull off this surprise is a mystery to me. noun clause
- 9 Kentrell will always remember the day when his baby sister was born. adjective clause
- 10 Cayden sketches in his journal every day so he can improve his drawing skills. adverb clause