

# 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.

<p><b><u>Whoever made this pie</u> is an amazing baker.</b> The noun clause <i>whoever made this pie</i> serves as the subject of the sentence.</p>	<p><b>Now I know <u>what dessert I want for every holiday</u>.</b> The noun clause <i>what dessert I want for every holiday</i> serves as the object of the verb <i>know</i>.</p>
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An **adjective clause** functions as an adjective in the sentence by modifying a noun or pronoun.

<p><b><u>My friends who live in Peru</u> are here for a visit.</b> The adjective clause <i>who live in Peru</i> gives more information about the noun <i>friends</i>.</p>	<p><b>The thing <u>that I miss most</u> about Peru is the food.</b> The adjective clause <i>that I miss most</i> gives more information about the noun <i>thing</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>When summer arrived</u>, we went on a camping trip.</b> The adverb clause <i>when summer arrived</i> tells when the verb <i>went</i> is taking place.</p>	<p><b>We pitched our tent <u>where the ground was flat</u>.</b> The adverb clause <i>where the ground was flat</i> tells where the verb <i>pitched</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.**

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