

Dependent (Subordinate) Clause

Introduction

1) A dependent (subordinate) clause gives additional information to the main sentence, thus it cannot stand alone as a separate sentence.

When she comes back home after a long day at work, she likes to take a bath.

2) Dependent clauses can be divided into the following categories:

a) a noun clause is a dependent clause that acts as a noun, thus it can be a subject, an object, or an object of a preposition in the sentence.

Whoever comes first wins!

*We don't know **who left the note at the door.***

b) an adjective clause is a dependent clause that modifies nouns or pronouns providing additional information.

*A woman **who can cook well** will become my wife.*

*Broccoli, **which not everyone likes**, are part of my daily ration.*

c) an adverb clause is a dependent clause that modifies an adjective, an adverb, or a verb/verb phrase.

*We were swimming in the ocean **when we saw the lightning.***

*Let's eat dinner **before the food gets cold.***

Short Story Dialogue

- Seth Rogen, **whose humour I absolutely adore**, is filming a new movie.
- Oh, really? What's the title?
- Flarsky, **if I'm not mistaken. If everything goes well**, it should be out in 2019.
- It's cool that we never argue about **what movies to watch together!**
- Yeah, we have the same taste **when it comes to art.**

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- c. She is much taller than her sisters.
- d. Ashley, who has been my friend for a year, is moving to Italy.
- e. Megan couldn't help but try after she heard the news.
- f. The painting that was stolen from the gallery has been found.
- g. What we were talking about with Madison is none of your business.
- h. I didn't like the book that you gave me.
- i. When you finish your work, give me a call.
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Independent Practice: Answers - Dependent (Subordinate) Clause

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