

Every sentence in English needs:

- a subject (noun, pronoun, or other noun structure_
- a predicate with a complete verb phrase
- a complete thought expressed in an independent clause
- a capital letter at the beginning
- end punctuation (period, question mark, exclamation mark)

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Basic Building Blocks of Grammar

3) Clause - a grammatical unit that has a subject and verb phrase

2) phrase - a group of related that forms a grammatical unit. E.g., noun phrase, verb phrase, prepositional phrase, infinitive phrase

1) Word - part of speech: information, govern^{ment}, vaguely, active ^{of the}
 - word endings: books, listened, information

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How many phrases can you find in the following sentence?

In the evenings, after I finish my homework, I like to go online to see if any of my high school classmates are on QQ to catch up on all of their latest news.

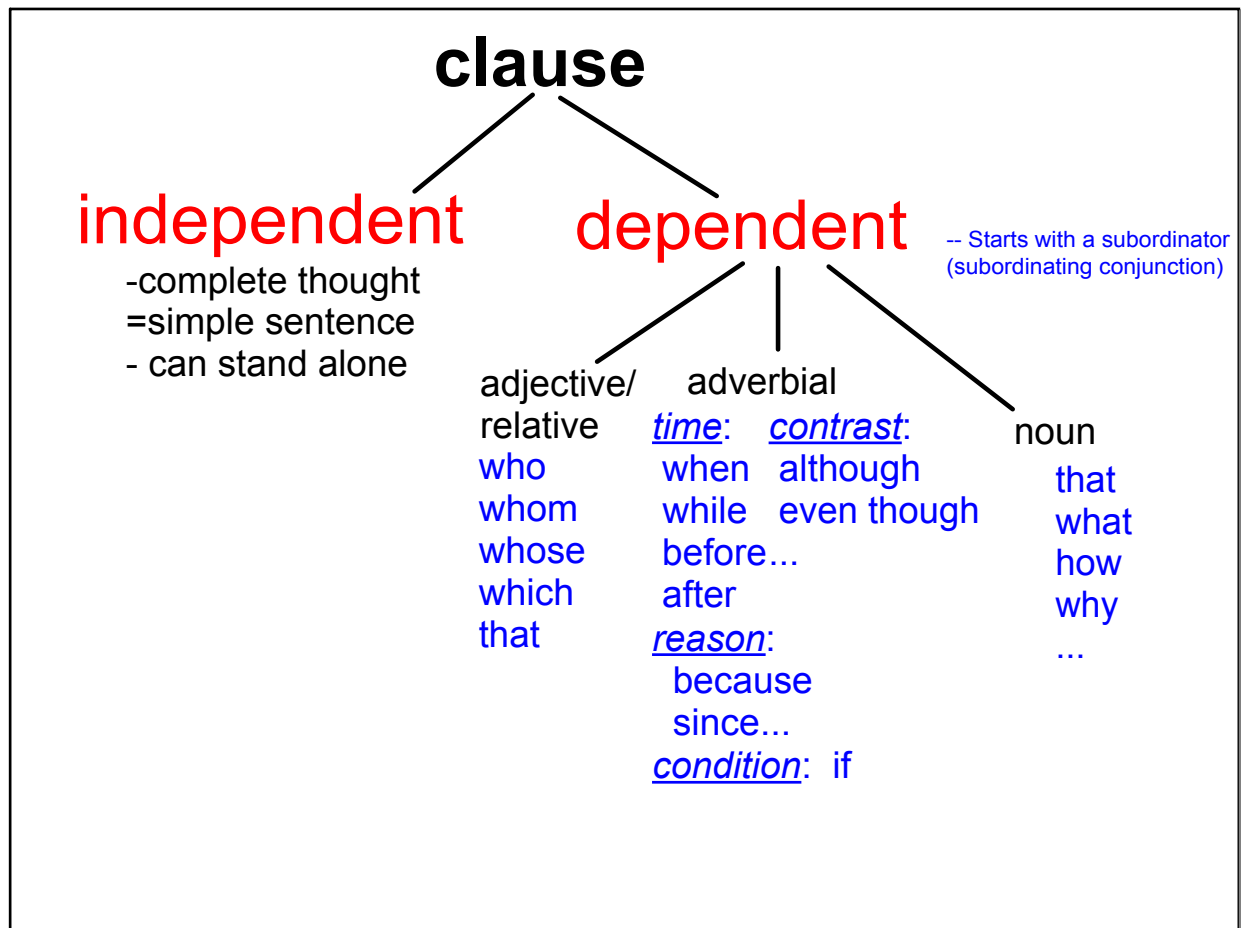
Noun prepositional
Verb infinitive

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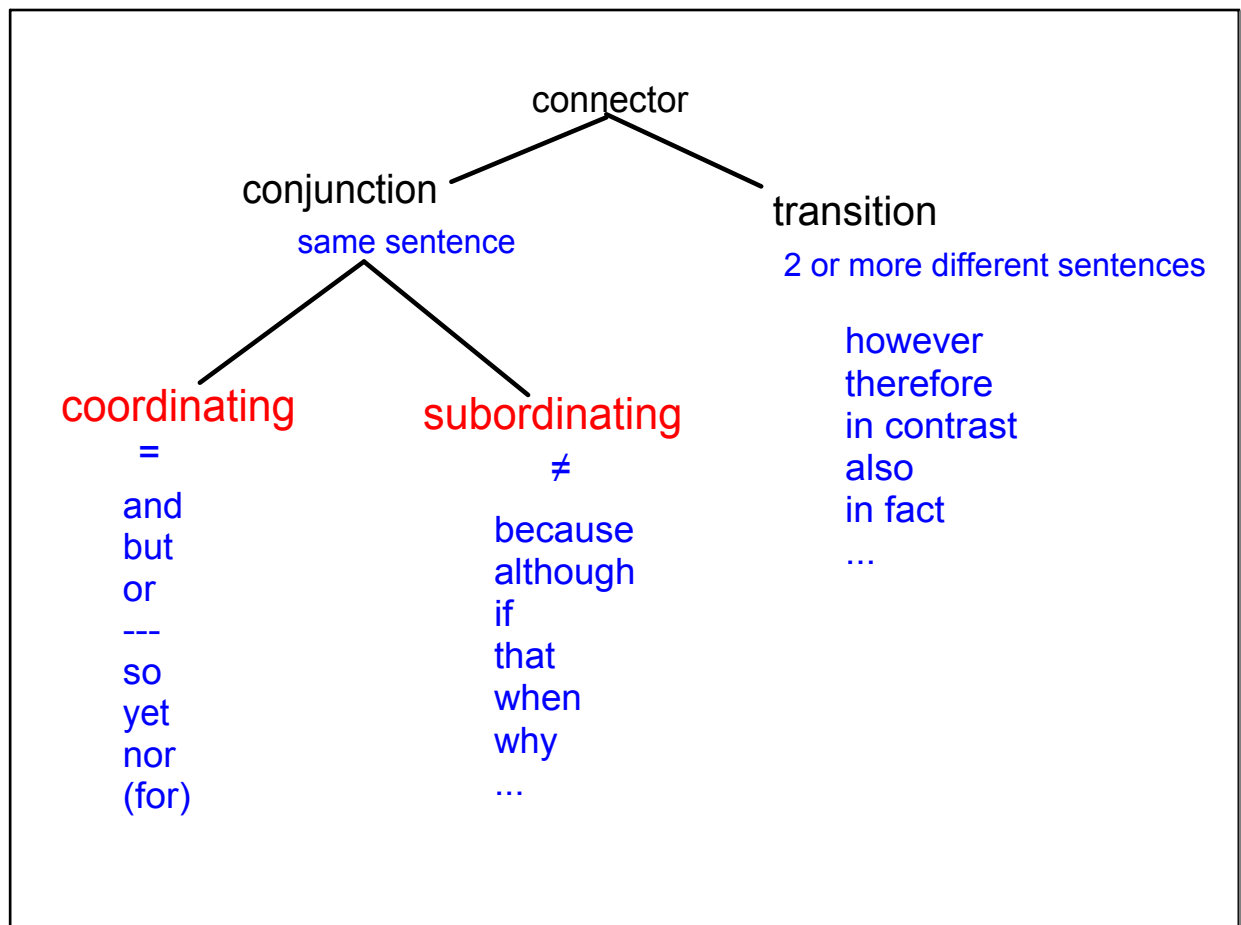
Look at the following groups of words. For each group decide first if it is a clause, and then decide if it is a sentence

- 1) Swimming is good exercise.
- 2) Stop!
- 3) The movie that I watched last weekend.
- 4) Did you finish your homework?
- 5) While talking with my friend on the phone last night.
- 6) Because I like her.
- 7) How you study vocabulary.
- 8) The greater the demand for the new product, the higher its cost.

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A and B

my friend and my family
at home and at school
while I am studying and while I am sleeping
I woke up, and I took a shower

parallel (2 of the same
kind of structures
connected with a
coordinator)

compound sentence (2
independent clauses)

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3 types of errors

1) sentence fragment

-missing subject, verb, or indep. clause

E.g.,

a) At the beach is very quiet at night.

b) When I saw the watch he bought for me, I very happy.

c) Because I had to work and I didn't have time to study.

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2. Sentence structure error-subj

- double subject
- wrong use of filler subject

redundant

E.g.,

d) My best friend, who is also my roommate,
she often helps me with my homework

e) There have many interesting free things to do
near PCC.

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3. missing capital letter

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