

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, government, 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

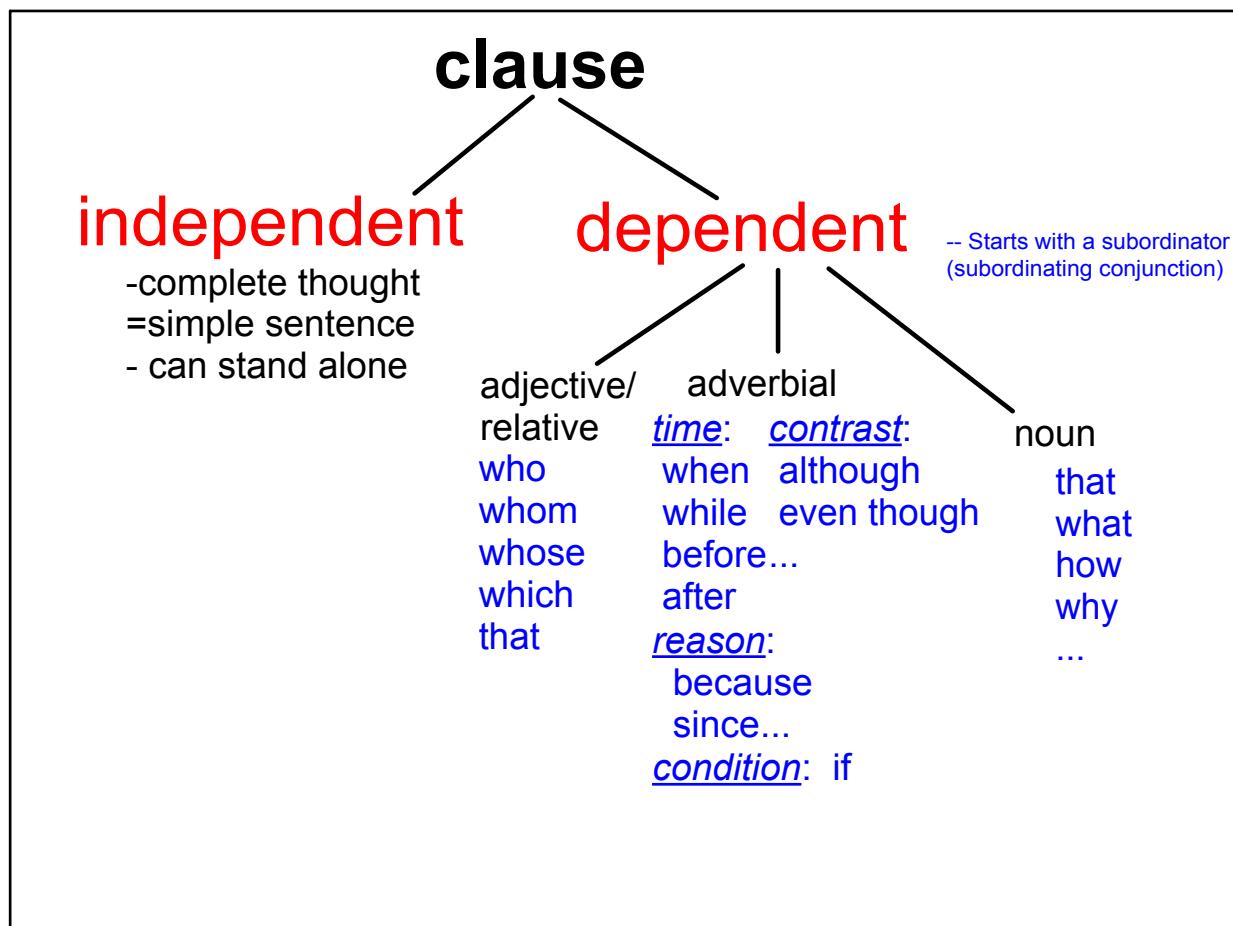
Verb infinitive

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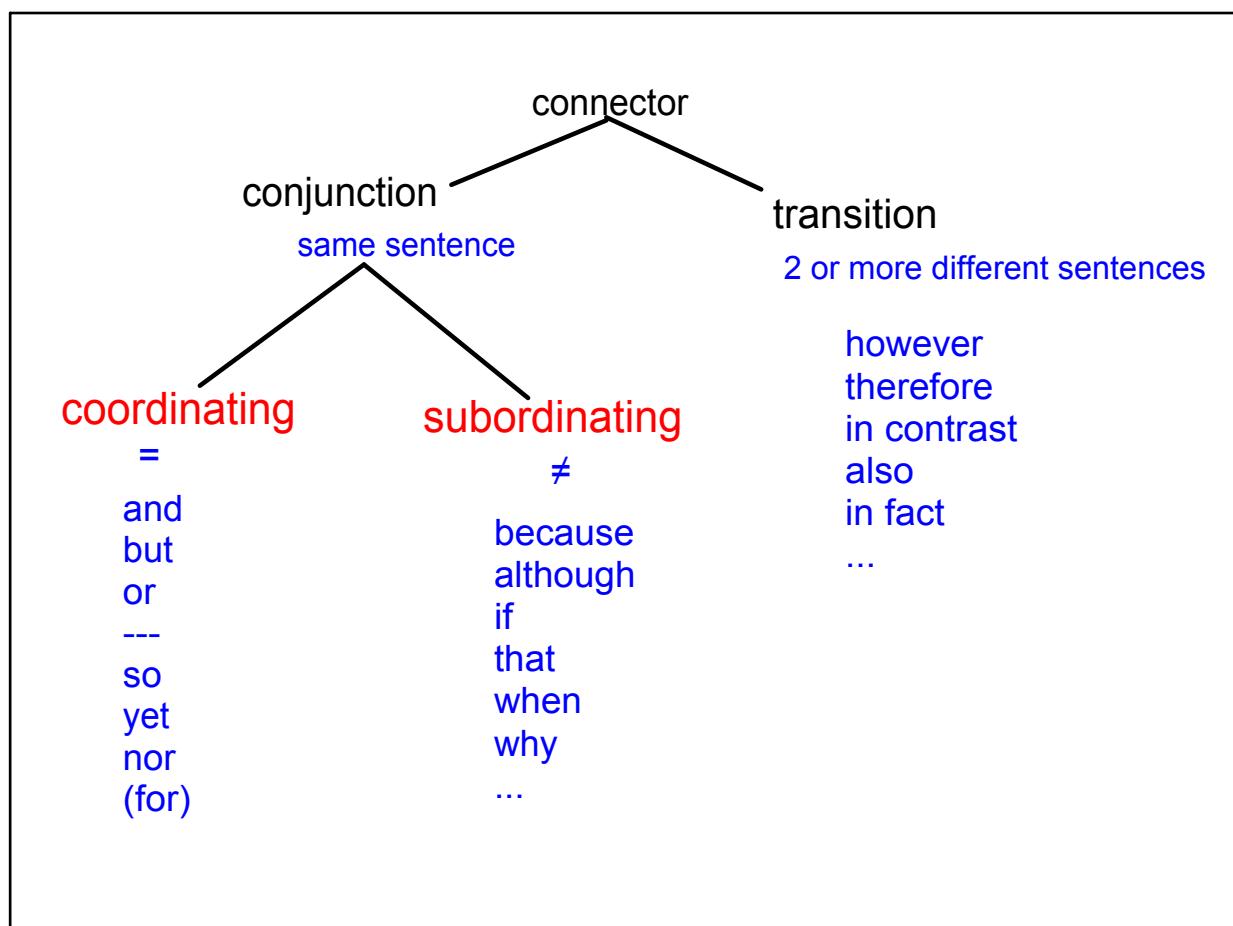
Look at the following groups of words. For each group decide first if it is a clause, and then decide if it is a sentence

- 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

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

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

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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