



## Noun, Adjective and Adverb Clauses

### Independent and Dependent Clauses

**Independent clauses** are clauses that can be sentences on their own. Example: Polar bears walk on ice. The clauses below are **dependent clauses** and cannot be sentences on their own.

### Noun Clauses

Noun clauses are dependent clauses that act as a subject or object of a verb. Noun clauses answer the question "Who" or "What".

#### Examples:

I know **that French is spoken in Quebec.** (Answers question: "What do I know?")

Sally is the one **who bought the car.** (Answers question: "Who is Sally?")

### Adjective Clauses

An adjective clause adds description to a noun or pronoun. And answers the question "What kind of" or "Which one".

#### Examples

He is wearing the coat **he bought yesterday.** (Answers question: "Which coat is he wearing?")

I like apples **that are crunchy and sweet.** (Answers question: "What kinds of apples do you like?")

### Adverbial Clauses

An adverbial clause usually follows a verb and answers the question "when."



**Examples:**

The committee will meet when the President is available. (Answers question: "When will the committee meet?")