

8th Writing - Grammar

Phrases and Clauses





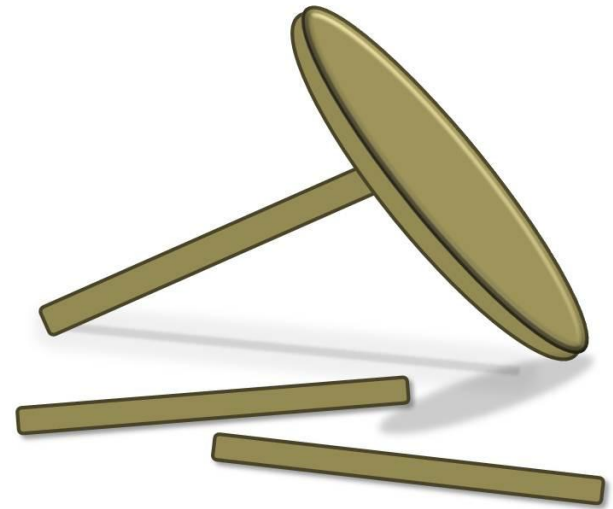
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First...phrases!

What is a phrase?

- Related group of words that cannot stand on its own because it is lacking a subject or predicate (or both)
 - The startling new book...
 - Had been written...
 - In six months...
 - My amazing writing teacher...



There are MANY types of Phrases

- Verbal Phrases
 - Participial phrases answer
 - Gerund phrases
 - Infinitive phrases
- Adverb phrases
- Adjective phrases
- Prepositional phrases

Prepositional Phrases

- Phrase that begins with a **preposition** and ends with a **noun or pronoun**
 - A preposition is a word that the relationship between a noun and the rest of the sentence

Prepositional Phrases

Fifty Prepositions				
about	behind	during	off	to
above	below	except	on	toward
across	beneath	for	onto	under
after	beside	from	opposite	underneath
against	besides	in	out	until
along	between	inside	outside	up
among	beyond	into	over	upon
around	but	like	past	with
at	by	near	since	within
before	down	of	through	without

Prepositional phrases are groups of words that START with a preposition and end with a noun or pronoun.

- The flea is sitting on the beagle.
- Over the summer, Buckley developed a taste for tofu-based products.
- The moth flew around my nostrils.
- After I left, the dog was sad.

Clauses

What is a clause?

- Related groups of words that have a subject **and** predicate (verb).

Two Types of Clauses

Independent

DEPENDENT

An Independent Clause...

Can stand on it's own because:

- Has a subject and predicate
- Expresses a complete thought

An Independent Clause...

■ Examples:

- The space ship rocketed through the sky.
- Little Wilbur threw a tantrum on his birthday.
- Stanley uses volume-increasing mousse to achieve a manly hairdo.
- Geese that feast on gravy are generally obese.

A Dependent Clause...

Cannot stand on it's own because:

- Even though it has a subject and predicate...
- It relies on further information to form a complete thought
- ALMOST ALWAYS start with a subordinating conjunction...

Subordinating Conjunctions

"AAAWWUUBBIS" (*uh-woo-bis*)

The 10 most common subordinating conjunctions

after	although	as	when
while	until	because	before
	if	since	

Subordinating Conjunctions			
after	because	lest	till
although	before	now that	unless
as	even if	provided	until
as if	even though	since	when
as long as	how	so that	whenever
as much as	if	than	where
as soon as	inasmuch as	that	wherever
as though	in order that	though	while

Source: Forlini, G., et al. (2010). Prentice Hall Grammar and Composition 4

A Dependent Clause...

- Examples:
 - When their biked collided in midair.
 - After I left the monkey auction.
 - If he eats the entire three pound burrito.
 - Because it reaches out to the negative emotions of the audience.

Two Types of Clauses

INDEPENDENT

Example

- The amazing new book had been written in six months.

DEPENDANT

Example

- Since the amazing new book had been written in six months

Let's practice!

Turn to pg. 174 of your Skills Book

- Read the directions. Then STOP.
- Infinitive phrases have the word “to” with a verb.
 - i.e. to run, to smile, to eat, to sleep
- There are over 20 prepositional phrases!
Make sure it starts with one of the words on your chart!