



PHRASES AND CLAUSES

With a partner

Write a sentence about your study habits with as many of the following as possible:

- An independent clause
 - A dependent clause
 - Adverb clause
 - Adjective clause
 - Noun clause
 - Phrases
 - prepositional phrase
 - gerund phrase or infinitive phrase
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On your own

Identify the underlined for the following sentences:

Clauses

- IC Independent clause
- AC Adverb clauses (dependent)
- AdjC Adjective clause (dependent)
- NC Noun clause (dependent)

Phrases

- IP Infinitive phrase
- GP Gerund phrase
- PP Prepositional phrases

1. A study group can be helpful when you are trying to learn information and concepts and preparing for class discussions and tests.
2. Students know that they should have a comfortable study place with no distractions.
3. To sit in a chair that is not comfortable can cause discomfort or pain that will interfere with reading your text books.
4. Taking good notes is a three-stage process in which there are certain things you should do before class, during class, and after class.

On your own

Match the definition for each term:

Term	Definition	Notes
A. A phrase	1. These phrases act mostly as adverbs, sometimes as adjectives or nouns and begin with a preposition and end with a noun or pronoun.	
B. A clause	2. Phrases that act as a noun	
C. Prepositional phrases	3. A clause that acts as an adjective and begins with a relative pronoun: which, who, that,	
D. Infinitive phrases and gerund phrases	4. A clause that acts as a noun	
E. Relative or Adjective clause	5. A clause that acts as an adverb and modifies the action	
F. Noun clause	6. It is a group of words that contains a subject and verb but does not express a complete thought.	
G. Adverb clause	7. It is a group of words that contains a subject and verb and expresses a complete thought.	
H. Dependent clause	8. It is a group of related words that lack a subject or a verb, or both. It cannot stand alone as a sentence	
I. Independent clause	9. It is a group of related words that contain both a subject and a verb/predicate thus it may be able to stand alone as a sentence	

Extra Resources

For more information and interactive quizzes, access the following websites:

- Beginning** <http://www.eslbee.com/sentences.htm>
- Intermediate** <http://grammar.uoregon.edu/homework/homework4.html>
- Advanced** <http://writing-program.uchicago.edu/resources/complex-sentences.htm>

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