



## 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

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