

Independent & Dependent Clauses

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Clause: Group of words that has a subject and a predicate and is used as a part of a sentence.

Independent Clause: Has a subject and a predicate and CAN stand alone as a sentence.

Example*:

The cast bowed, and the audience applauded.

The actors and actresses smiled and bowed, and the audience cheered and clapped.

*Each independent clause is underlined. The subjects are in green and the verbs are in orange!

Dependent Clause: Has a subject and a predicate, but CANNOT stand alone as a sentence.

Example:

When the audience applauded, the cast bowed.