

## The Simple Sentence: Advanced Grammar

### Phrases and Clauses – Practice 1

**Instructions.** Based on [this lesson about phrases](#) and in [this lesson about dependent and independent clauses](#), write in the space provided whether each item below is a phrase, an independent clause, or a dependent clause. Remember that an independent clause makes sense by itself, and a dependent clause must be attached to an independent clause.

**Example 1:** After leaving the party.

**Your Answer:** phrase

**Example 2:** After he left the party.

**Your Answer:** dependent clause

**Example 3:** He left in a hurry.

**Your Answer:** Independent clause

When you are done, see “Answer Key” to check your answers.

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1. Some members of my family.

**Your Answer:**

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2. Learning science and mathematics.

**Your Answer:**

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3. Because you made many mistakes.

**Your Answer:**

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4. After he won the competition.

**Your Answer:**

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5. If we can control climate change.

**Your Answer:**

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6. The answers are at the end of the chapter.

**Your Answer:**

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7. A major problem with your ideas.

**Your Answer:**

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8. Having a well balanced diet.

**Your Answer:**

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9. He decided to spend the night in town.

**Your Answer:**

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10. Researchers found an explanation for this phenomenon.

**Your Answer:**

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11. When the researcher decided to conduct the experiment.



**Your Answer:**

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12. Even though he was a doctor.

**Your Answer:**

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13. According to a recent study, 43% of Americans believe in ghosts.

**Your Answer:**

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14. When the plane arrived late.

**Your Answer:**

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15. Eating healthfully every day can be difficult for busy people.

**Your Answer:**

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## Answer Key

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1. Some members of my family.

**Your Answer:** [phrase](#)

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2. Learning science and mathematics.

**Your Answer:** [phrase](#)

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3. Because you made many mistakes.

**Your Answer:** [dependent clause](#)

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4. After he won the competition.

**Your Answer:** [dependent clause](#)

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5. If we can control climate change.

**Your Answer:** [dependent clause](#)

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6. The answers are at the end of the chapter.

**Your Answer:** [independent clause](#)

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7. A major problem with your ideas.

**Your Answer:** [phrase](#)

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8. Having a well balanced diet.

**Your Answer:** [phrase](#)

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9. He decided to spend the night in town.

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