**Subject: English Language**

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**Topic: Clauses (Revision)**

A clause is a group of words that consists of a subject and a verb. (A clause functions as an adjective, an adverb and a noun.)

There are two main types of clauses:

1. **The Main or Independent Clause**
2. **The Subordinate or Dependent Clause**

**The Main Clause**

This is a group of words, consisting of a subject and a verb, which ***can*** stand on its own as a coherent sentence (and make sense).

Eg 1***The boy went to the shop*** after he washed the dishes.

***The boy went to the shop*** is an independent clause because it ***can*** stand on its own as a sentence.

Eg 2 ***I always sing*** while I’m bathing.

***I always sing*** is an independent clause because it ***can*** stand on its own and make sense.

**The Subordinate Clause**

This is a group of words, consisting of a subject and a verb, but ***cannot*** stand on its own as a sentence. It depends on something else in the sentence to make a complete thought.

Eg 1 ***After I went to the shop*** I made dinner.

***After I went to the shop*** is a subordinate clause because it ***cannot*** stand on its own and make sense.

Eg 2 I didn’t go to the party **because I was feeling ill**.

**Because I was feeling ill** is a subordinate clause because it **cannot** stand on its own and make sense.

(Subordinate clauses can be found at the beginning or at the end of sentences.)

**Activity**

**Underline the Main Clause in the following sentences.**

1. The boy stood at the bus stop while he waited for the bus.
2. Mary brushes her long, black hair after she takes a shower.
3. Put the grocery in the kitchen when you take them from the car.
4. Because I didn’t accept his first invitation he didn’t ask me out a second time.
5. When I go to bed I hope to have pleasant dreams.
6. Margret goes to the market every Saturday.

**Underline the Dependent Clause in the following sentences.**

1. After we have devotion our first class begins.
2. I always brush my teeth when I’m taking a shower.
3. Call to place your order before you go to the restaurant.
4. The police officers on *The First 48* make thorough investigations when they have a case.
5. Because he needs the money Carl has two jobs.
6. Although I had eaten my breakfast I still felt hungry.