Grammar 4: Indepe	ndent and	Subordinate	Clauses
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We recently revisited the 2 most basic elements of sentence structure: **subject** and **verb**.

(To be a sentence, a group of words must have both subject and verb, or a subject-verb combination.)

We also reviewed the differences between **phrases** and **clauses**, and we became more familiar with four specific types of phrases: **verb** phrases, **gerund** phrases, **infinitive** phrases, and **prepositional** phrases.

Where We're Going Next...

Now we are going to revisit the two most important types of clauses:

(1) independent clauses and (2) subordinate (or dependent) clauses.

TERM #1 A clause is a group of words that possesses both a	Subject and a_	verb
	ct verb	combination).

TERM #2

An independent clause is a subject-verb combination that an Stand a love as a sentence.

TERM #3

A subordinate clause (also known as a dependent clause) is a subject-verb combination that

cannot stand alone as a sentence.

TERM #4 and KEY RULE - All subordinate clauses begin with a subordinating conjunction!

Here is a list of subordinating conjunctions (perfect for memorizing):

after	although	as	as if	as long as	as though
because	before	even though	if	provided that	since
so that	that	though	till	unless	until
when	where	whereas	while	though	whenever

Practice 1 – Identifying Types of Clauses

Exercise: In each of the sentences below, one clause has been written in boldface.

Identify whether the boldfaced clause is an <u>independent</u> clause or a <u>subordinate</u> clause.

1. When I was four years old, I became Emperor of the Universe.
2. You will meet your doom if you do not give me your trail mix! 546
3. Because my lizard doesn't like my friends, I never invite anyone over to my house.
4. Your project will get an F unless you pay Robe-Dawg 1 million dollars.
5 Although my friends all like me, they refuse to admit it at school.
6. Bob's parents act as if he is the most untrustworthy son in the world.

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A Rule about Subordinate Clauses Complete this rule:
It is okay to begin a sentence with a subordinate clause as long as you follow the subordinate clause
with a and an clause.
Example A subordinate clause followed by a comma and an independent clause
Because I am afraid, I want you to hold my hand. subordinate clause comma independent clause
Practice 2 – Identifying Subordinate Clauses and Fixing Punctuation Errors Exercise: For each item below, do the following two things:
1) Underline the subordinate clause and circle the subordinating conjunction, and then
2) Correct the punctuation as needed. Add Comma
Example Before Mr. Robel learned to drive he used to ride his bike everywhere.
"Before Mr. Robel learned to drive" is a subordinate clause; it begins with the subordinating conjunction "before."
Note: The sentences with an asterisk below * have 2 subordinate clauses in them.
1. Because Yankthorn studies every night his grades are impressive.
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3. Politicians make promises because they want votes.
4. Although Mr. Robel lives the thug life on weekends. He's a respectable teacher during the week.
*5. After the ducks began attacking we cowered in fear until Robe Dawg rescued us from total destruction.
*6. While we drank our trout smoothies we watched TV until our stomachs exploded.

7. I tried to open the refrigerator door, but my sister had padlocked it because she hates me.

*8. Even though I behave strangely, people still treat me as though I am an ordinary person.

9. Mr. Robel was the most normal teacher in the world when he was young.

10. If you like music, then you will love punk-country.