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QB- PHRASES AND CLAUSES
CLASS 11

A **phrase** is a group of words that makes some sense, but not complete sense. Phrases usually begin with prepositions. A phrase will never have a finite verb. However, it may contain non-finite verbs like infinitives, gerunds or participles.

A **clause** is a group of words that makes complete sense. A clause has a subject and a predicate of its own. A clause will always have a finite verb. It may also contain an infinitive, gerund or participle.

CHOOSE WHETHER THE HIGHLIGHTED PART IS A PHRASE OR A CLAUSE.

1. Faced with so many problems, I decided to get professional help.

A. Phrase
B. Clause

2. She arrived to work on time in spite of leaving home so late**.**

A. Phrase
B. Clause

3.Before taking any medicine**, I always speak to my doctor.**

A. Phrase
B. Clause

4.Mark has lived outside of his country **for 14 years.**

A. Phrase
B. Clause

5. In the morning **it's best to get up early.**

A. Phrase
B. Clause

6. Having always been keen on caring for people, Susan decided to become a nurse**.**

A. Phrase
B. Clause

7. They were annoyed **by the baby crying so loudly.**

A. Phrase
B. Clause

8. Although injured**, <u>John managed to crawl to safety</u>.**

A. Phrase
B. Clause

9. I <u>will be running</u> for President**.**

A. Phrase
B. Clause

10. <u>I like the person</u> with the green shirt.

A. Phrase
B. Clause

1. Independent Clause - expresses a complete thought and has a subject and verb. It is the main thought of a sentence and can be used alone as a simple sentence.

Examples:

- Mrs. Smith bakes wonderful pies.
- During the rainstorm, the children were frightened by the thunder.
- She enjoys playing the piano.

2. Dependent Clause – has a subject and verb but cannot be used as a simple sentence. A dependent clause is introduced by a subordinating word (subordinating conjunction or relative pronoun).

Examples:

- After we finished the game
- Although we finished the game
- As we finished the game
- Before we finished the game

<u>Write P for phrase, IC for independent clause, and DC for dependent clause.</u>

1. Since Monday Mary has disappeared
2. Unless she knew the truth
3. To be the last-place team in the league
4. When on time
5. If you like
6. By popular consent
7. Many were walking
8. Unless we meet at once
9. Because of your interest

10. As I should have guessed
11. Racing to the sea last evening

ANSWERS

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1. Since Monday Mary has disappeared **IC**
2. Unless she knew the truth **DC**
3. To be the last-place team in the league **P**
4. When on time **P**
5. If you like **DC**
6. By popular consent **P**
7. Many were walking **IC**
8. Unless we meet at once **DC**
9. Because of your interest **P**
10. As I should have guessed **DC**
11. Racing to the sea last evening **P**

Choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

1. A clause can be either independent or dependent. True/False

2. Identify the prepositional phrase in the sentence: 'She sat on the chair.'
   a. on the chair
   b. She sat
   c. the chair
   d. sat on

3. A phrase can function as a noun, verb, adjective, or adverb in a sentence. True/False

4. A clause must always contain a verb. True/False

5. Which of the following sentences contains a relative clause?
   a. They went to the park.
   b. The book that you gave me was fascinating.
   c. She enjoys reading books.
   d. He is a fast runner.

Choose whether the bold part is an independent clause or dependent clause.
1. I will be so upset if she decides not to visit me.
A. Independent
B. Dependent

2. While I enjoy eating any type of food, my friend will only eat vegetarian.
A. Independent

B. Dependent

3. Please let me know **when you arrive.**
A. Independent
B. Dependent

4. Although I know he's a famous actor**, I can't remember his name.**
A. Independent
B. Dependent

5. My sister**, who is in the police force,** has always been very outgoing and confident.
A. Independent
B. Dependent

6. I believe that he shouldn't have been elected Mayor**.**
A. Independent
B. Dependent

7. After you have finished your work**, we can head out for dinner.**
A. Independent
B. Dependent

8. Because they are accountable to the public, they must act appropriately.
A. Independent
B. Dependent

9. The car that has been stolen **was parked in front of his house.**
A. Independent
B. Dependent

10. I'll be leaving my job soon **as I'm close to retirement.**
A. Independent
B. Dependent