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Phrases and Clauses: Learn and Practice

Name phrase and clause types and their jobs

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Phrases and Clauses

- A clause has a subject and a verb, but a phrase does not have both.
- Prepositional and appositive phrases add detail.
- Dependent clauses act like adjectives, adverbs or nouns in a sentence.
- The fox that lives in the woods is shy. This is an adjective clause.

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C. across the field D. she ran fast

2 What does every clause have?

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D. a subject and a verb

3 In: We left early because it was snowing. What is because it was snowing?

A. an adverb clause B. an adjective clause

C. an appositive phrase D. a noun clause

4 Which group of words is a clause?

A. because the dog barked

B. after the long game C. with my best friend

D. under the table

5 In: My aunt, a skilled pilot, flies to Yukon. What is a skilled pilot?

A. a prepositional phrase B. an adverb clause

C. an independent clause

D. an appositive phrase

6 Which is an independent clause?

A. When the bell rang B. Ringing the bell

C. Before the bell D. The bell rang.

7 In: The book that I borrowed is overdue. What does that I borrowed do?

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C. It is the subject D. It describes the noun book

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✏️ Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for phrases and clauses and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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Across is a preposition, and the field is its object.

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D. a subject and a verb

Every clause, independent or dependent, has a subject and a verb.

3 In: We left early because it was snowing. What is because it was snowing?

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It tells why we left, which is an adverb job.

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Because the dog barked has a subject, dog, and a verb, barked.

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A skilled pilot renames my aunt, so it is an appositive phrase.

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The bell rang has a subject and verb and can stand alone as a sentence.

7 In: The book that I borrowed is overdue. What does that I borrowed do?

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C. It is the subject **D. It describes the noun book**

That I borrowed tells which book, so it works as an adjective clause.

8 Is this a phrase or a clause: under the old bridge

A. a phrase B. an independent clause

C. a full sentence D. a dependent clause

Under the old bridge has no subject and verb, so it is a phrase.