

Grammar - 1

Independent and Dependent Clauses

Independent Clauses

- 👉 An independent clause can stand alone as a sentence because it features:
 - a subject,
 - a verb
 - an object (when necessary).

Example: Mario ran. Mario swung the bat.

Dependent Clauses

- 👉 A dependent clause must be attached to an independent clause because it is not a “complete thought.”
- 👉 A dependent clause may begin with a conjunction:
 - after he hit the ball
 - because the pitcher threw a slider
- 👉 A dependent clause may be an adjectival or adverbial phrase:
 - fast as lightening
 - a powerful hitter

Adding restrictive elements

- 👉 An independent clause can hold various elements in addition to its subject, verb, and (when needed) object without requiring a comma, including dependent clauses.

Example: Mario took a fierce swing at the ball as it flew toward the plate.