



# Clause

Clause is a group of words, containing a subject and a verb.

## Kinds of Clause

### Principal Clause

A clause that is independent and requires no conjunction is called 'principal clause'.

- e.g. (i) You were dancing.  
(ii) It was your birthday so you were dancing.

### Subordinate Clause

A clause that starts with a conjunction and depends upon the principal clause, is called 'subordinate clause'.

- (i) It was very cold so I had to stay at home.  
Principal clause      Subordinate clause  
(ii) Though he was ill, he went to school.  
Subordinate clause      Principal clause

### Noun Clause

Clause that works as noun is called Noun clause. It includes that, what, why, who etc.

- (i) I know what he is talking about.  
(ii) He told us that the school was closed.

### Adjective Clause

Clause that works as adjective is called Adjective clause. It includes who, which, that, where etc.

- (i) He has a pen which is very old.  
(ii) She was staying in a village where everybody knew her.

### Adverb Clause

Clause that tells the time, reason condition is called adverb clause. It includes if, till, until, unless etc.

- (i) I did not leave the room until he came.  
(ii) If he tries, he can win.

### Co-ordinate Clause

These clauses join two principal clauses. They include and, but, still, yet, as well as, both and etc.

- (i) He is poor but he lives a comfortable life.  
(ii) We study a lot yet we cannot score good marks.

## Practice Exercise

**Directions (Q. Nos 1-15)** Complete the following sentences with the most suitable clause.

1. The teacher punished him ...
  - (a) that he was absent from the class
  - (b) so he was absent from the class
  - (c) which he was absent from the class
  - (d) because he was absent from the class
2. ...., he was watching T. V.
  - (a) When I reached home
  - (b) Though I reached home
  - (c) That I reached home
  - (d) As soon as I reached home
3. Kavita is too shy .....
  - (a) she cannot perform on the stage
  - (b) to perform on the stage
  - (c) she will not perform on the stage
  - (d) how to perform on the stage
4. He told me .....
  - (a) because he could not find his pen
  - (b) so he could not find his pen
  - (c) is he could not find his pen
  - (d) that he could not find his pen
5. .... his father did not beat him.
  - (a) So he scored less marks
  - (b) That he scored less marks
  - (c) Though he scored less marks
  - (d) Still he scored less marks
6. If she stays here, .....
  - (a) so she will meet you
  - (b) she will meet you
  - (c) that she will meet you
  - (d) then she will meet you
7. He has learned .....
  - (a) how to prepare coffee
  - (b) to prepare coffee
  - (c) that how to prepare coffee
  - (d) that to prepare coffee
8. ....
  - (c) that I will buy this novel
  - (d) but I will buy this novel
9. ...., he cannot get well.
  - (a) Though he takes medicines
  - (b) Until he takes medicines
  - (c) Because he takes medicines
  - (d) If he takes medicines
10. Reach there in time .....
  - (a) otherwise you will not meet him
  - (b) so you will not meet him
  - (c) that you will not meet him
  - (d) but you will not meet him
11. .... every body started clapping.
  - (a) As soon as he entered the class
  - (b) Though he entered the class
  - (c) Until he entered the class
  - (d) But he entered the class
12. Though we were sad .....
  - (a) so we celebrated his birthday.
  - (b) then we celebrated his birthday
  - (c) because we celebrated his birthday
  - (d) we celebrated his birthday
13. My father ordered me .....
  - (a) that to clean the garden
  - (b) to clean the garden
  - (c) so that clean the garden
  - (d) for clean the garden
14. .... they were laughing.
  - (a) As soon as I saw them
  - (b) Though I saw them
  - (c) Still I saw them
  - (d) When I saw them
15. Rahul is his elder brother .....
  - (a) because he does not obey him.
  - (b) so he does obey him.
  - (c) but he does not obey him.
  - (d) though he does not obey him.

# Answers

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