

Here are the sentence parts we've learned so far this year. There are more to learn, but here's what you should know by now.

First, recall that a clause is different from a phrase insofar as a clause has a subject-verb combo and a phrase does not. The two main types of clauses are independent and dependent. In order to make an independent clause dependent, add a subordinating conjunction to the beginning of the clause.

Below is a list of the most commonly used **subordinating conjunctions**:

after	because	in order that	that	until
although	before	inasmuch as	than	when
as	how	provided	though	where
as much as	if	since	unless	while

**(1) Independent Clause** → contains subject-verb combo and can stand on its own

**The teacher was thrust into a state of anguish and gloom.**

**(2) Dependent Clause** → contains subject-verb combo and requires an independent clause to make the sentence a complete thought

**Because the teacher was thrust into a state of anguish and gloom, ....**

**(3) Appositive Phrase** → renames an adjacent noun or pronoun

The teacher, **a handsome, magnanimous, and humble man with an affable demeanor**, stood in front ...

**(4) Absolute Phrase** → an *almost*-complete sentence that contains a partial verb and usually begins with a possessive pronoun

The teacher was thrust into a state of anguish and gloom, **his hard work in vain**.

**(5) Participial Phrase** → phrase ending in *-ing* or *-ed* that looks like a verb but acts as an adjective or adverb

**Wondering where he had gone wrong**, the teacher was thrust into a state of anguish and gloom.

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**(1) A Simple Sentence** contains an independent clause.

**The teacher was thrust into a state of anguish and gloom.**

**(2) A Complex Sentence** contains a dependent clause and an independent clause.

**The teacher was thrust into a state of anguish and gloom because they forgot what he so punctiliously taught.**

**(3) A Compound Sentence** contains more than one independent clause.

**The teacher was thrust into a state of anguish and gloom; the students corrected their mistakes, and it made him happy.**

**(4) A Compound-Complex Sentence** contains at least one dependent clause and at least two independent clauses.

**The teacher was thrust into a state of anguish and gloom because they forgot what he so punctiliously taught; they corrected their mistakes, and it made him happy.**