

## Adverb Clause

### Introduction

1) A dependent (subordinate) clause gives additional information to the main sentence, thus it cannot stand alone as a separate sentence.

*When she comes back home after a long day at work, she likes to take a bath.*

2) An adverb clause is a dependent clause that modifies an adjective, an adverb, or a verb/verb phrase providing additional information.

*Give me a call **when you get home**. (the adverb clause modifies the verb phrase)*

An adverb clause can begin with words such as *after, because, since, until, when* etc.

*We were at the beach **when it started raining**.*

*Mike is running every day **as he is going to run a marathon in a month**.*

An adverb clause can be placed at the beginning and the end of the sentence without a change in meaning. Use a comma if the clause is placed at the beginning of the sentence.

*You should brush your teeth **before you go to bed**.*

***Before you go to bed**, you should brush your teeth.*

### Short Story Dialogue

– *What do you want to do after you finish your studies?*

– *I don't really know yet. **Until I find a job**, I want to work on my English skills so that I can find a job abroad. But **before I apply**, I need to find a local internship.*

– *You're saying that you don't know yet, but it seems like you've got it all figured out!*

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## Independent Practice - Adverb Clause

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- b. Could you put away the toys so that I don't trip over them?
- c. Although everything seems to be going well, I feel sad.
- d. You'd better go to the shower after you finish your workout.
- e. Whether you like it or not, you have to cook for yourself.
- f. Since you're going to the shop, could you buy some jam?

### 2) Write 4 sentences with adverb clauses using the words in brackets.

a. (because)
b. (after)
c. (once)
d. (than)

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## Independent Practice: Answers - Adverb Clause

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### 2) Write 4 sentences with adverb clauses using the words in brackets. Sample Answers:

- a. Susan couldn't attend her friends' weddings because she has a business trip.
- b. Come downstairs after you finish your homework.
- c. Once Kyle learned the truth, he couldn't remain their friend.
- d. This job is obviously better than your previous one.