



## phrases / clauses



Both are  
group of words

Example :

We were waiting you  
in the classroom.

**Phrase:**  
is a part of a  
sentence that has  
no subject, no verb  
and no complete  
meaning.

Verb phrase: e.g. I **was working** all day.

Noun Phrase: e.g. **Among all my friends**, Lila, is  
**my best friend**.

Adjective phrase: e.g. Her daughter is **very pretty**.

Adverbial phrase: e.g. We were running **very**  
**slowly**.



**Clause:**  
is a part of a sentence  
that has a subject, a  
verb, but conveys an  
incomplete meaning  
(dependent clause) / a  
complete meaning  
(Independent clause).

Example:

**Before we arrived to**  
**the classroom**, we  
**asked for its floor**.

Adverbial clauses, adjective clauses and noun  
clauses are all types of **dependent clauses**.

Noun clause: e.g. Try to apply **whatever you wish**.

Adjective clause: e.g. I respect the people **who**  
**live in the house**.

Adverbial clause: e.g. **After I finished work**, we  
went to the supermarket.

## Assignments

**Activity 1:** In the spaces to the left of each number write **-ph-** for phrase and write **-c-** for clause .

- \_\_\_ 1- Under extreme pressure.
- \_\_\_ 2- Knitting is difficult .
- \_\_\_ 3- Who the best candidate will be
- \_\_\_ 4- In time of extreme danger
- \_\_\_ 5- when i heard
- \_\_\_ 6- Until you told me
- \_\_\_ 7- I was chosen
- \_\_\_ 8- Whom he addressed
- \_\_\_ 9- In the park
- \_\_\_ 10- Before crossing the street
- \_\_\_ 11- by that remark
- \_\_\_ 12- Before the exam
- \_\_\_ 13- Before he left
- \_\_\_ 14- On the floor
- \_\_\_ 15- Riding home in the car
- \_\_\_ 16- After the dinner party
- \_\_\_ 17- Each one should answer
- \_\_\_ 18- Since few arrived
- \_\_\_ 19- Jumping is exhausting
- \_\_\_ 20- Until we leave

**Activity 2:** Read the paragraph below then answer the questions below:

1. How many sentences are there in the paragraph?
2. Divide all these sentences into clauses and put them between brackets.
3. Divide the clause between square brackets [ ] into phrases and underline them.

When I need a good place to study, I go to the library. It is always quiet there, so I can concentrate. It is easy to find the books I need, and I can search for information on the internet because there are several computers. [**The other people in the library are also reading or working**], so the mood is good for studying. I study better and faster in the library than in any other place.

### Key Answers

#### Activity 1:

- \_ph\_ 1- Under extreme pressure.
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#### Activity 2:

1. There are 5 sentences in the paragraph.
2. (See the brackets in red).
3. (See the underlined parts).

(When I need a good place to study), (I go to the library). (It is always quiet there), (so I can concentrate). (It is easy to find the books I need), (and I can search for information on the internet) (because there are several computers). [**The other people in the library are also reading or working**]. (so the mood is good for studying). I study better and faster in the library than in any other place.

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