

Wednesday Notes

(Clauses and Sentence Type)

CLAUSES

- Each clause must have a subject and verb.
- types
 - independent (also called main clause)
 - Every sentence must have at least one independent clause.
 - The independent clause can usually stand alone.
 - An independent clause does not start with a relative pronoun or subordinating conjunction.
 - dependent (also called subordinate clause)
 - The dependent clause can never stand alone.
 - A dependent clause starts with a relative pronoun or a subordinating conjunction.
 - We will eat when the bell rings.
 - She likes the guy who sits in front of her.

SENTENCE TYPES

- simple sentence = one independent clause
- compound sentence = two or more independent clauses
- complex sentence = one independent clause + one or more dependent clauses

SENTENCE PURPOSE

- A declarative sentence makes a statement and ends in a period.
- An interrogative sentence asks a question and ends in a question mark.
- An imperative sentence gives a command and ends in a period.
- An exclamatory sentence expresses strong feelings and ends in an exclamation point.
- A declarative, interrogative, or imperative sentence can be exclamatory if it expresses strong feelings and ends in an exclamation point.