

1 Here's the Idea

- ▶ **A clause is a group of words that contains a subject and a verb.**

There are two types of clauses: independent clauses and subordinate clauses.

Independent Clauses

- ▶ **An independent, or main, clause expresses a complete thought and can stand alone as a sentence.**

Many people love to read about their personalities.

SUBJECT VERB

Subordinate Clauses

- ▶ **A subordinate, or dependent, clause does not express a complete thought and cannot stand alone as a sentence.**

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SUBJECT VERB

To form a complete sentence, combine a subordinate clause with an independent clause.

If current studies are correct, many people love to read about their personalities.

Words That Introduce Clauses

- ▶ **Subordinating conjunctions and coordinating conjunctions are two kinds of words that link or introduce clauses.**

Use a coordinating conjunction to join two independent clauses.

Some researchers define 3 or 4 personality types, yet others identify as many as 16!

COORDINATING CONJUNCTION

Use a subordinating conjunction to introduce a subordinate clause.

Defining personality types is still an inexact science, although research began over 80 years ago.

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION

Conjunctions Used with Clauses

Coordinating Conjunctions

and, but for nor, or, yet

Subordinating Conjunctions

after, although, as, as if, as though, because, before, even though, if, in order that, provided, since, so that, than, unless, until, when, where, whereas, wherever, while