



Clauses are the building blocks of sentences. A clause must have at least two things:

- a subject the topic of the sentence; often, the person or thing doing the action
- a verb a word that describes an activity, movement, or state of being

e.g. Odysseus travelled to Ithaca
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e.g. so that sales would increase
S V

Although all clauses have a subject and a verb, they usually contain a lot of other descriptive words, too. There are 2 types of clauses:

express a full thought
are complete by themselves, i.e.
they are

express only part of a thought

- e.g. Peanut butter is high in protein.
- e.g. Salt raises the melting point of ice.
- e.g. Lemurs are native to Madagascar.