

Clauses

1. Identify whether the underlined parts of these sentences are **independent** or **subordinate clauses**.

- a. When I was at the zoo last year, I saw a white, royal Bengal tiger.
- b. He knows that he will pass the test.
- c. I met the man who had helped me.
- d. Although she tried a lot, the little girl could not climb the tree.
- e. An egg that smells bad is rotten.
- f. Please tell me what to wear for the party.
- g. The teacher explained how the moon revolves around the earth, just as the earth does around the sun.
- h. Whenever it rains, wild peacocks appear in our garden.
- i. If you want to help make the environment a clean place, you must first begin at home.
- j. Never knew a man could sing until I saw him perform at the annual school concert.

2. **Identify** the underlined clauses as **Adjective**, **Adverb** or **Noun clauses**:

- a. The lady who is wearing a blue coat sings very well.

- b. As soon as his car came into view, his son ran to the gate to greet him.

- c. It seems that there has been an accident.

- d. The watch which Sonia is wearing is limited edition.

- e. I was very shocked by what I saw in the news.

Answers

1.

- a. Subordinate clause
- b. Subordinate clause
- c. Independent clause
- d. Independent clause
- e. Subordinate clause
- f. Subordinate clause
- g. Independent clause
- h. Subordinate clause
- i. Independent clause
- j. Subordinate clause

2.

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Noun Phrase

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Adjective Phrase

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Noun Phrase