A clause is a group of words which includes a subject and a verb.

**Independent clause**

It contains a complete thought, and can stand alone as a sentence.

**Example:** Although he was late, Tom didn’t miss the train.

**Dependent clause**

It has no complete meaning, unless it's combined with an independent clause.

**Example:** Although he was late, Tom didn’t miss the train.

**Noun clause**

It functions like a noun in a sentence.

**Example:** What Sara is good at is baking chocolate cakes.

**Adjective clause**

It functions like an adjective in a sentence.

**Example:** Paris, which we have visited twice, is my favorite destination.

**Adverbial clause**

It functions like an adverb in a sentence.

**Example:** I will buy you a bike, when I am back from holidays.