

ADVERB CLAUSES

REVIEW: What is a clause?

A clause is a group of words that contains at least one subject and one verb showing past, present or future.

What is an independent clause (or main clause)?

This clause can stand alone as a complete sentence. ● → You could win a medal!

What is a dependent clause?

Also called subordinate clauses, they cannot stand alone. They need another clause to be fully understood.

● → You could win a medal if you practise enough.
 independent clause dependent clause

MAIN CLAUSE	ADVERB CLAUSE
We watched TV a lot	<u>when the Olympics were on.</u>
Tickets cost more	<u>because athletes earn so much.</u>

ADVERB CLAUSE	MAIN CLAUSE
<u>When the Olympics were on,</u>	we watched TV a lot.
<u>Because athletes earn so much,</u>	tickets cost more.

ADVERB CLAUSES OF TIME

since - while -
 once - before
~~now~~? - as

ADVERB CLAUSES OF PLACE

everywhere - wherever

ADVERB CLAUSES OF REASON

know that / as
 because / Although
 before since

ADVERB CLAUSES OF CONDITION

unless
 if
 Even if

ADVERB CLAUSES OF CONTRAST

Unless As ^{Even if} Although, while

SPECIAL NOTES

• In complex sentences, do not use *will* and *be going to* in the dependent clause to show future time.

- > We'll leave when they get here.
- > NOT: We'll leave when they will get here.

I will never go there again.
 [Never] will I go there again.

- > Adverbs of Condition:
- > *Even if* = the condition does not matter. **Even if he practises constantly**, he won't make the team.

- > *Only if* = only one condition will produce the result. He will make the team **only if another athlete drops out.**

Only if another athlete drops out will he make the team.

- > *Unless* = something will happen or be true if another does not happen or is not true.
- > **Unless you train a great deal**, you won't be a champion.

- > *In case* = in order to be prepared for a possible future happening.
- > We'd better take along some extra money **in case we run into difficulties.**

Don't confuse:

- > *even if* or *even though* with even.
- > ~~Even if~~ they win this game, they won't be the champions.
- > ~~Even~~ my mother understands the rules of baseball.

it doesn't matter

