

19.3 Adverb Clauses • Practice 1

Adverb Clauses An adverb clause is a subordinate clause that modifies a verb, adjective, adverb, or verbal by telling where, when, in what manner, to what extent, under what conditions, or why. Adverb clauses are introduced by subordinate conjunctions such as *although*, *since*, *if*, *when*, *while*, *because*, and *where*.

| ADVERB CLAUSES | |
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| Modified Word | Example |
| Verb | <i>When I finish this letter</i> , I will begin to prepare the budget. |
| Adjective | I am lost <i>if I don't read a newspaper every day</i> . |
| Adverb | The committee responded faster <i>than we anticipated</i> . |
| Verbal | Laughing <i>until tears appeared</i> , Susan stepped into the lobby. |

Exercise 1 **Identifying Adverb Clauses.** Underline the adverb clause in each sentence and circle the word or words it modifies.

EXAMPLE: I will be happy when I have finished this report.

- The principal was upset after he learned the truth.
- Sooner than we expected, we received a confirmation of our order.
- Unless the weather changes rapidly, we will postpone the trip.
- My brother arrived before we did.
- We can begin the conference since all the participants have arrived.
- He will stay until his mission is completed.
- Although we played brilliantly, we lost the game.
- The survey was completed faster than we expected.
- She is happy if everything goes according to schedule.
- Eat slowly so that you will digest your food better.

Exercise 2 **Writing Sentences with Adverb Clauses.** Add an appropriate adverb clause to each independent clause below.

EXAMPLE: She didn't have an umbrella when she left the house.

- Faster _____, the flood receded.
- _____, I will save you a seat.
- She is more unhappy _____.
- Smiling _____, she rushed to embrace them.
- I am unable to join you _____.
- _____, driving can be difficult.
- _____, I will appear at the rally.
- The meeting ended much sooner _____.
- We decided to protest _____.
- _____, we will try once again.