#### CLAUSES

- \*INDEPENDENT
- -Can stand alone
- \*DEPENDENT
- -Can't stand alone, needs to be paired with an independent clause

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Santa's elves are subordinate clauses."

\*AN INDEPENDENT CLAUSE= SIMPLE SENTENCE

#### MARK

Mark out imposters: prepositional phrases and infinitives Ask, "Is there a verb?" Root out the subject. "Who or what Key in on the beginning, the middle,

and the end.

#### Practice Using MARK:

- The dog ran into the woods to play with the deer.
- I am going to watch my niece after school today at my sister's house.
- I love to play tennis in the summer.

# How Many Subjects Can A Sentence Have?

 Zack, Mandy, Katie, Lauren, Dave, Matt, Luke, Jon, Sam, David, Kyle, Ashley, and Greg were all in my class.

- SSSSSSSSSSSSV= I (one independent clause)
- At some point you may want to just say "they"

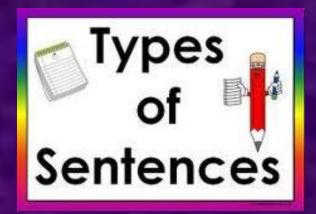
### How Many Verbs Can A Sentence Have?

 They sat, read, watched, sang, pondered, spoke, worked, relaxed, laughed, and cried.

- SVVVVVVVV= I

# Common Formulas For Simple Sentences

- SV
- SSV
- SVV
- SSVV



- You can have as many as you want as long as they are acting together.
- Be careful of run-on sentences!