

CLAUSES

*INDEPENDENT

-Can stand alone

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-Can't stand alone, needs to be paired with an independent clause

**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.
 - SSSSSSSSSSSSSSV= 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.

– SVVVVVVVVVVV= 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!

