**A clause is:**

* A group of words that have a subject+verb team
* Dependent Clause: doesn’t make sense. Is a sentence fragment
  + - *Example: As my guitar gently weeps.*
* Independent Clause: Make sense as a full sentence.

*Example: The Beatles are one great band.*

**Commas** separate an independent and dependent clause WHEN a dependent clause COMES FIRST.

*Example: We will stop studying grammar when all my students can write excellently.*

*VS.*

*When all my students can write well, we will stop studying grammar.*

**Subordinating conjunctions**

* Conjunctions that precede a DEPENDENT clause.
* Turn an independent clause into a dependent clause.

*EXAMPLES*

*since, when, if, while, because, as, in case, unless, whether, etc.*

