

Identifying Clauses and Phrases (Part Two)

In each of these sentences, underline independent clauses, double underline dependent clauses, and cross out nonessential phrases.

Example: Even though the boy, ~~who had been running all day~~, was tired, he was ready to get back to work.

1. Not for the first time, an argument had broken out over breakfast at number four Privet Drive because of a loud, hooting noise.
2. After Harry's uncle Vernon, who had a bit of fried egg dangling from his mustache, exchanged dark looks with his wife, he yelled at Harry.
3. Harry tried to argue back, but his words were drowned out by a long, loud belch from the Dursleys' son, Dudley, who then asked for more bacon.
4. Petunia, turning her misty eyes on her massive son, told him that there was more bacon in the frying pan.
5. Although Dudley's bottom was so large that it drooped over either side of the kitchen chair, he turned to Harry and asked him to pass the frying pan.
6. Harry, irritated, told Dudley that he had forgotten to say the magic wor

7. Dudley gasped and fell off his chair with a crash that shook the whole kitchen while Mrs. Dursley gave a small scream and clapped her hands to her mouth.

8. Mr. Dursley jumped to his feet, veins throbbing in his temples, and shouted at Harry to never say the 'M' word in their house again if he didn't want to get thrown out.